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Kuwait determined to protect its territory

Murphy defends arms package

WASHINGTON, July 29, (KUNA): The State Department's top expert on the Middle East made a strongly pitched defence of the \$1.9 billion arms package for Kuwait, which includes 40 F-18 fighter planes and Maverick missiles, in an appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Sub-committee on Europe and the Middle East headed by Lee Hamilton.

In his statement, Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Richard Murphy expressed the Reagan administration's belief that even if the Iran-Iraq war is solved peacefully soon, Kuwait will still be faced with potential threats that will make the sale necessary.

Process

"The government of Kuwait has clearly demonstrated its determination to protect its territory, particularly over the last 18 months," he noted.

But in addition, he said if the United States were able, as anticipated, to drawdown its naval forces as the peace process

takes hold, "it will be even more important for moderate states to be their own first line of defence."

"Kuwait has indicated it fully intends to take up that responsibility and wishes to do so with help from us," Murphy said.

"This attests to the improved political relations which have resulted from the close co-operation of the past year or so, particularly in the military field."

The senior State Department official said Kuwait wants an advanced aircraft that will meet its needs in the next century.

"We were the first choice of all potential suppliers of the new aircraft Kuwait will order this year."

Indicated

"But as Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah indicated (on his recent visit to Washington) has stated: 'When we cannot or will not sell needed defensive equipment to our friends, their requirements do not disappear'."

Both in his prepared statement and in response to questions by several Congressmen, Murphy explained the importance of the Congress approving the arms

package to Kuwait, which he stressed must remain "integrated" and must include the Maverick missiles since otherwise Kuwait might go elsewhere for its arms purchases.

He reminded Congressmen that "We do not have a monopoly on sophisticated weapons systems. Our friends will seek similar systems elsewhere ... They are only too willing and able to accommodate would-be purchasers."

Murphy said the recently announced arms agreement between Britain and Saudi Arabia is a "concrete reminder that the Arab Gulf states have and will exercise alternatives in meeting their defence needs, if their first choice, the United States, declares itself unavailable to them."

Difficult

The US unwillingness, he added, also undermines US credibility in the region — "making it more difficult, not less, to deal with Iran and Iraq in the new circumstances created by Iran's acceptance of (UN Resolution) 598."

"It would undermine our

national interests in the Gulf region over the long-term as well as have an immediate negative impact upon relations with Kuwait," said Murphy.

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Perez de Cuellar shakes hands with Tareq Aziz before the starting of the talks. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rebels stopped, claims Tehran

MANAMA, July 29, (Agencies): A top Iranian cleric said today an Iraqi-based rebel force which penetrated deep inside Iran this week was stopped outside the provincial capital Bakhtaran.

Tehran Radio monitored in Bahrain quoted Parliament Speaker Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying the Iranian regular Army and Revolutionary Guards "smashed" the Iraq-based rebels 22 miles (35 km) from Bakhtaran or Kermanshah.

In Baghdad, the National Liberation Army (NLA) of Iran said they pulled back from Karand and nearby Eslamabad some 350 miles (560 km) south-west of Tehran, after being in "complete control" over the two towns for 72 hours.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said Iranian troops "liberated" Eslamabad and Karand, along with "tens" of nearby villages, and were advancing on Sar-e-Pol Zahab and Gilan Gharb, in the same area.

A statement by the Iraq-based NLA telefaxed to Bahrain said its forces "gradually began to return to their bases" after withdrawing from the battle overnight.

The statement did not explain

why the NLA withdrew from the battlefield after three days of heavy combat.

A communique issued yesterday by Iraq's military said its warplanes were bombing Iranian military airfields in the area, which is on the central war front.

Baghdad's daily war communique said Iraqi planes and helicopters inflicted severe losses on the Iranians in flying 239 successful missions.

They destroyed two Iranian helicopters on the ground east of Shahabad and bombed the helicopter port at Kermanshah, about 120 km (90 miles) inside Iran on the central front, it said.

An earlier Iraqi military statement repeated that the Iraqi Army was pulling out of Iranian territory on the central front.

Guards minister arrested

BEIRUT, July 29, (AP): Iran's Revolutionary Guards Minister, Mohsen Rafiq Dost, has been in a Tehran prison for the past three weeks, the Beirut newspaper Ad Diyar reported yesterday.

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Gulf truce talks moving 'in the right direction'

UNITED NATIONS, July 29, (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar denied today his Iran-Iraq peace talks were deadlocked and said he was very pleased because "things are moving in the right direction."

He told reporters as he arrived at UN headquarters that he would have another meeting during the day with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

He said he would also see Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz if he found that necessary.

Asked by a reporter if the talks, which began on Tuesday, were deadlocked, he replied: "The talks are not ... I'll keep trying until the end, and the end is very far."

Pleased

"I think that we are, on the contrary, working in a very positive manner. I am very, very pleased because I think that things are moving, and moving in the right direction."

Iraq insists on direct talks with Iran before a ceasefire, and Iran insists on a ceasefire before it will consider a face-to-face meeting.

The UN chief said discussions continue on the issue of direct talks. "I think at some stage direct talks are indispensable," he said.

He acknowledged there was an impasse when asked if he had a formula to break the deadlock.

"I'm working on that," he said.

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Ja'afar Mahallati told reporters who asked about direct

talks: "We will maintain our position. We will not accept any preconditions (for direct talks). No step can be taken before a ceasefire..."

"Accepting (UN ceasefire) Resolution 598 has been the last flexibility by the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Perez de Cuellar said he hopes Iranian officials "are reflecting on the possibility of having direct talks at some stage," but said he cannot compel the two sides to do so if Iran is unwilling.

The Iraqi mission insisted that "given the Iranian duplicity and bad faith, peace can only be achieved through direct face-to-face negotiations" under UN auspices. It said that Iraq's goal was lasting peace and not just a ceasefire.

Perez de Cuellar remonstrated with reporters who, noting he had already seen Velayati three times and Aziz twice, asked why he only had a definite appointment with the Iranian.

Supervision

Turkey has accepted a United Nations proposal to send officers to a UN ceasefire supervision group for the observance of a truce to be agreed between Iran and Iraq, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

In Oslo, the Defence Ministry said that Norway is willing to send 15 officers.

A team of UN truce experts arrived in Baghdad today for talks with Iraqi officials on technical details of the ceasefire in the war with Iran, diplomats said.

Longest shish kebab

MUSCAT, July 29, (AP): A Muscat hotel has won the record for the world's longest shish kebab, it was announced here yesterday.

The Kuwi Novotel cooked a 139.9-metre (459-foot) kebab, a feat now officially recognised by the Guinness Book of Records, according to the hotel executives.

Hotel manager Georges Sirguey, who thought up the idea of cooking the longest "Turkish-Moghar" kebab in history, said:

"We are absolutely thrilled." Sirguey said many people laughed when at first hearing about what his hotel set about doing.

"Well, it has been worth the effort," he commented. "It was a great team event. We feel very proud that the Guinness Book of Records has recognised it."

The 150-kilogram (330-lb) kebab was cooked over 1,800 kilograms (3,960 lbs) of charcoal on a giant barbecue.

Polls will not be fair: Benazir

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 29, (Reuters): Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said yesterday general elections called by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq for Nov 16 would not be conducted fairly.

"The elections will not be fair," she told a reception celebrating her receipt earlier this month of Austria's Bruno Kriesky prize for services to human rights.

Benazir, head of the Pakistan People's Party, also criticised Zia's decision to ban political parties from nominating candidates in the elections.

He said they could back people standing as individuals but the ban means party symbols, essential in a country where illiteracy is widespread, will not appear on ballot papers.

Opposition parties say they are planning to challenge Zia's decision before the supreme court.

"We cannot say yes to every illegal action," Benazir said.

India to get two Soviet reactors

NEW DELHI, July 29, (Reuters): India is expected to sign an agreement with the Soviet Union later this year to acquire two 1000-megawatt light water nuclear power reactors, a government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said details of the cost, funding and location of the nuclear reactors were still being discussed but the agreement was expected to be signed in November or December when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev visits India.

The Soviet Union is India's major arms supplier but it has never before sold a nuclear reactor to India.

At present India has five reactors with an installed capacity of 1,230 megawatts. It plans to set up 10 more capable of generating a total of 10,000 megawatts by the year 2000.

DAY BY DAY

GULF tourists in Europe, are subjected to Arabic language magazines, which can be termed as "tools of blackmail."

These periodicals blatantly attack Gulf leaders, industrialists and businessmen to obtain bribes for their silence.

Unfortunately, some of these magazines published in London, Paris or in some Arab capitals are financed by Arab intelligence agencies.

However, what is overlooked, is the fact that such blackmail is no longer productive, simply because facts conclusively refute these lies.

Needless to say, we see no more need to offer rebuttals to these lies and false allegations.

Zahed Matar

AIDS cases

GENEVA, July 29, (UPI): Known global AIDS cases have reached 100,410 the World Health Organisation reported today.

That represented an increase of 3,977 or 4.1 per cent during the one month from June 1.

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WEATHER

RELATIVELY humid weather with light south-easterly wind.
State of sea: slight
High water: 1.00 am, 12.00 noon
Low water: 6.00 am, 7.30 pm
Sunrise: 5.06 am
Sunset: 6.43 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 42°C (111°F)
Ahmad: 36°C (97°F)
Fahla: 36°C (97°F)
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UN condemns hostage-taking

UNITED NATIONS, July 29, (AP): The Security Council today unanimously condemned politically motivated kidnappings in the Middle East and appealed for the immediate release of a US military officer abducted while on UN duty in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Iran said it is concentrating on ending the Gulf war, not freeing hostages.

Assured

In a brief resolution, the council said it already has "condemned unequivocally" all acts of hostage-taking and abduction and called for immediate release of all hostages "wherever and by whomever they are being held."

The resolution, adopted by a vote of 15-0, made no mention of the pro-Iranian extremists who abducted Lt Col William R. Higgins in February. But it called upon UN members "to use their influence in any way possible to promote implementation" of its appeal for his freedom.

Higgins' wife, Robin, was present in the council chambers after a meeting with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who assured her: "I am making a constant effort to obtain his release."

The secretary-general has appealed to Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati for Tehran to use its influence with the Islamic fundamentalist captors loyal to Iran to gain the release of Higgins and other hostages in Lebanon.

"I want to express my concern to you," Perez de Cuellar told Mrs Higgins. "We also admire your courage."

The US State Department offered conciliatory remarks to Saudi Arabia yesterday, following pointed remarks by King Fahd that his country would seek weapons wherever it can get them.

Relations with the Saudis "remain close and strong," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

"The US relationship with Saudi Arabia is the product of half a century of evolving ties," he added.

Fahd was quoted as saying in a speech to National Guard and defence officials earlier this week that Saudi Arabia "is not tied to anyone and does not take part in any pact that forces upon it any sort of obligations."

If countries sell arms to Saudi Arabia, they do so for money, he was quoted as saying. "So, if things become complicated with a certain country we will find other countries, regardless of whether they are Eastern or Western."

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INTERNATIONAL

Syrian soldiers killed

BEIRUT, July 29, (Reuters): An unidentified gunman killed two Syrian soldiers near a Syrian-manned checkpoint in West Beirut, security sources and witnesses said today.

They said the gunman, clad in military fatigues like those used by the Lebanese Army, shot dead the soldiers last night using a gun fitted with a silencer. The two Syrians died instantly, about 200 metres from the checkpoint.

Syrian soldiers brandishing automatic rifles and rockets immediately sealed-off the corniche Mazraa area where the soldiers were shot.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, the Security Council unanimously extended today by six months the presence of a UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

Thatcher trip

LONDON, July 29, (AP): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher leaves today on a 12-day visit to Australia and five other countries, aimed mainly at marking the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia.

Mrs Thatcher, who was spending tonight in Bahrain, was also due to go to Oman and Singapore en route to Australia, and to pay official visits to Malaysia and Thailand on the way home.

In Oman tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher was expected to pursue the possible sale of British-made Javelin missiles, officials said. In her 9-year tenure, Britain has more than doubled its exports of arms to Oman.

Indian fruits

NEW DELHI, July 29, (KUNA): India ranks second in the world among fruit and vegetable producing countries.

Giving this information in Parliament, Indian Minister of Food Processing Jagdish Tytler said more than 23 million tonnes of fruit and 43 million tonnes of vegetables are produced annually in the country.

30,000 held illegally

BEIJING, July 29, (Reuters): China said its police force illegally detained more than 30,000 people in 1987 but added that its record on prisoners' rights was improving.

Despite criticism by PLO official

Abu Sharif repeats his call for Palestinian-Israeli co-existence

BAGHDAD, July 29, (AP): The chief spokesman for PLO chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday repeated his call for Palestinian-Israeli co-existence, despite new criticism by a senior PLO official.

The spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said the PLO's longstanding proposal to eventually replace Israel with a "democratic secular state" of Arabs and Jews remains a dream that both sides might eventually accept.

Proposal
"But talking about concrete political proposals within the present balance of forces... we are talking about a Palestinian state and Israel, their security guaranteed by an international conference in which the five permanent members of the UN Security Council would participate," he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

Abu Sharif made a similar proposal in a statement released

during the June Arab summit conference in Algiers. Its timing, and sometimes its content, have been attacked by radical factions in the PLO, as well as several officials of the mainstream Fatah faction led by Arafat.

The latest criticism came yesterday from the head of the Arab Liberation Front, a relatively small, Iraqi-backed PLO faction allied with Arafat.

Abdulrahman Ahmad, a member of the PLO executive committee, said Abu Sharif's article had been "harmful to the Palestinian political strategy and course of action."

In an interview published by Al Thawra, the official daily of Iraq's ruling Baath Party, Ahmad said the article would be under discussion when the PLO's executive committee and central council meet in Baghdad during the coming week.

The PLO's peace strategy is a likely topic because the meetings

come as Jordan announced it was cancelling a \$1.3-billion development plan for the Israeli-occupied Palestinian West Bank.

Jordan said the move was to emphasise the PLO's responsibility for talks with Israel.

Both Israel and the United States have habitually tried to avoid the PLO by dealing with Jordan.

Ahmad did not deny that the points raised by Abu Sharif were PLO policy, but appeared to criticise the timing. "It spelled out what should not have been said at this stage and it left nothing for the future," he said.

He said Abu Sharif's statement reflected "his own personal views and his own interpretation of the (PLO) national charter."

Abu Sharif noted that his statement had been widely praised by Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, who are engaged in

an uprising against Israeli rule. "That is enough for me," he said, "(the support of) the occupied territories."

He also defended the timing of his statement, saying that it was responsible for the widespread and often favourable reaction in the United States and Israel.

He said it was initially meant to precede the May summit between the US and Soviet leaders, although newspapers to which it was submitted delayed publication.

He also said it was "necessary to produce a constructive proposal for peace" following US Secretary of State George Shultz's faltering peace plan.

"The Shultz proposals failed to advance a step forward or to pave the way for peace," he said, because they did not include "the right of (Palestinian) self-determination... and the right to establish a state and the right to negotiate through the PLO."

'Cry Freedom' banned just after opening

JOHANNESBURG, July 29, (Reuters): The South African government today banned the anti-apartheid film "Cry Freedom," just hours after it opened at cinemas across the country.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in a statement that further screenings of the film inside South Africa were prohibited under government security laws.

The film depicted the life of black activist Steve Biko and his death in police custody. A bomb blast today rocked a cinema in Alexandria, an impoverished black township among white Johannesburg suburbs, two hours before "Cry Freedom" was due to be screened there.

Police said nobody was injured in the blast.

Gujarat police end strike

BOMBAY, July 29, (Reuters): Police in India's western state of Gujarat said today they were calling off a five-day-old strike.

Officials said the strike had fizzled out anyway, with most of the state's 59,000 policemen reporting for duty.



South African police and firemen survey the gutted ruins of Winnie Mandela's bungalow in the township of Soweto. (Reuters wire-photo)

Arsonists burn down Mandela's home

JOHANNESBURG, July 29, (Reuters): Winnie Mandela has sought refuge with friends after black arsonists destroyed everything in the small house she once shared with her husband, jailed South African black leader Nelson Mandela.

"She is very distressed," lawyer Amichand Soman told Reuters. "She has gone to stay with friends and get over the shock."

She postponed a close inspection of her fire-gutted home in the black township of Soweto.

A police spokesman said officers were investigating a charge of arson, but Soman said Mrs Mandela ordered there should be no witch-hunt.

Police and neighbours said a gang of schoolchildren used petrol to torch the small, four-roomed brick house in the Orlando west section of Johannesburg's Soweto township on Thursday morning.

Mrs Mandela was out at the time and no one was injured in the attack.

The house, rented by African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela since about 1956, was gutted. Furniture, electronic equipment and clothes were roasted to ash.

Friends said they feared the blaze had destroyed a priceless collection of letters, photographs and mementoes belonging to Mandela, who turned 70 last week in Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison.

Mandela, who has been in jail for 26 years for plotting to overthrow white rule, heard about the fire from his own lawyer, Ismail Ayob.

Ayob, who was in Cape Town for the first official visit allowed by the government in almost two years, told Reuters that Mandela instructed his wife to make no immediate comment on the attack.

He said the house would be rebuilt over the next few weeks. Mrs Mandela would not move into the luxury mansion she had built recently in a section of Soweto known as Beverly Hills but would stay with friends.

Shroud looks convincing

LONDON, July 29, (Reuters): A British scientist testing the age of the Turin shroud, which many Catholics believe was Christ's burial cloth, said yesterday: "If this is a fake, it's a very good one."

Dr Boert Hedges, head of the dating unit at Oxford University's laboratory for archaeology and the history of art, added: "I have now a pretty good idea of what I think it is but I'm not going to say."

Hedges said he saw the shroud in Turin and "it looked very convincing but it's quite hard to believe that it could survive that long."

The Oxford team, the last of three laboratories to test the shroud, is about halfway through the process and Hedges said it was going very smoothly.

Like the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich last week and the University of Arizona last month, Oxford University is using the carbon-dating method to try to determine the shroud's age.

The results from the three laboratories will be analysed and co-ordinated by the British museum in London and announced in Rome or Turin in September or October.

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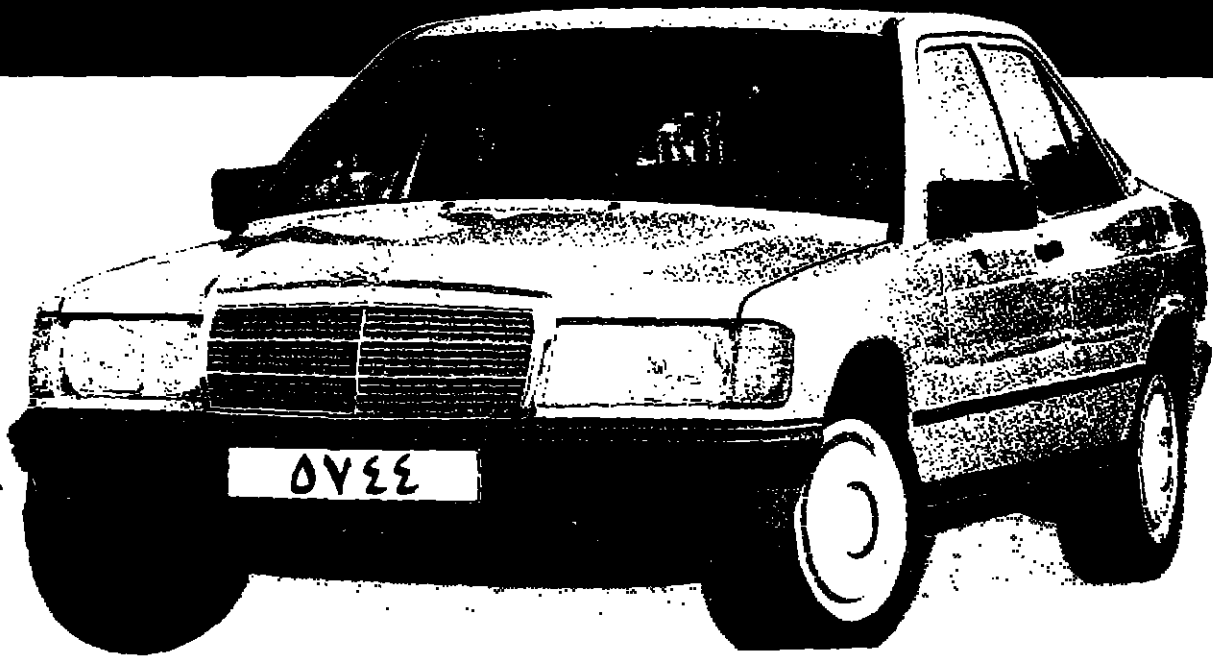
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INTERNATIONAL

Fire guts
Cairo
gold shops

CAIRO, July 29, (Reuters): Shop-owners fled 37 gold and silver workshops in panic as explosions and fire gutted part of a 500-year-old building in Cairo's tourist resort.

Damage was estimated at \$50 million by the owners of the complex.

Police said the shops specialising in hand-engraved copper trays, leather souvenirs and jewellery were evacuated after the fire erupted on Thursday.

"A leaking cylinder exploded and 30 minutes later I heard another explosion followed by at least two more explosions... I ran away from the shop," said Nasser Ahmed, a 23-year-old silver-smith.

Shop-owners at the complex known as Selhedat Khani later searched charred debris trying to salvage some of their valuables.

Police are still investigating the blaze which gutted the 37 workshops.



Egyptian policemen inspect the remains of a silver workshop in Cairo's famous tourist bazaar of Khan Al Khalili yesterday after a fire, apparently caused by a gas cylinder explosion, gutted the workshop and 36 others. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rare fossils
destroyed

BEIJING, July 29, (Reuters): Tons of valuable fossils in Inner Mongolia have been dug up, smashed and sold by looters believing them to be medicinal "dragon bones," the Guangming Daily said today.

The newspaper said hundreds of peddlers and smugglers had descended on sites in Qingshuihe county to dig up animal and plant fossils which they ground to powder for sale as traditional Chinese medicine.

It said looters did severe damage to the sites, led by local government officials who issued "excavation permits" for 40 huan (\$11) apiece.

The traditional Chinese medicine trade also threatens some protected species, since the most highly prized medicines depend on rare ingredients such as deer antler, bear paw, or panda penis.

Thailand gets
elected premier

BANGKOK, July 29, (Reuters): Former general and foreign minister Chatichai Chulhanavan, now one of Thailand's top businessmen, said he would take over from Prem Tinsulanonda as prime minister.

Chatichai told reporters he was confident of creating a stable government out of a coalition of five parties which emerged as the strongest parliamentary group after a general election last Sunday.

He will be Thailand's first elected prime minister since 1976 when the leader of the Democrat Party, Seni Pramot, was ousted in a military coup.

Chatichai, a stocky, greying man of 69, heads the wealthy Chat Thai Party. He was a deputy premier in the last govern-

ment of Prem, a former Army chief who served as a compromise choice for multi-party coalitions for the last eight years.

He was speaking at his home last night after consulting leaders of the other four parties — the Social Action Party, the Democrat Party, Rassadorn Party and the United Democratic Party.

"I am very confident this coalition can form a stable government," he said. He was due to formally submit his name as the candidate for prime minister to parliament today. It would be forwarded to the king for approval.

Chat Thai won 87 seats in the election and the coalition parties command 215 out of the total of 357 seats.

Zia's claim inaccurate, says Yaqub Khan

Soviets not returning to Kabul

WASHINGTON, July 29, (Reuters): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan recanted on Thursday his President's claim that Soviet troops were being sent back to Afghanistan.

Yaqub Khan, here for talks with US Secretary of State George Shultz to chart strategy during the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, also said that once Soviet troops leave Afghanistan "the chips can fall where they may."

Mistake

The two men met at the State Department for private talks after Yaqub Khan said claims by Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq last week that Moscow was reintroducing troops into Afghanistan were based on mistaken information.

Yaqub Khan, in an interview with the Washington Times, said: "The information given to our President was inaccurate and further verification showed that there has been no increase of

strength... as had been indicated..."

He told reporters after meeting Shultz that the information, which came from a United Nations official, Benji Sevan, who had talks with Soviet officials in Kabul, was "a mistake" and the United States and Pakistan should now look beyond the Soviet withdrawal.

Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev had dismissed Zia's assertion as "pure slander" and US officials accepted Akhromeyev's word.

Afghan President Najibullah was quoted on Thursday as saying about half the Soviet troops in his country had already left under UN-mediated accords.

The official Bakhtar news agency said he made the comment in remarks to a group of Afghan guerrillas visiting Kabul under government safe conduct guarantees to celebrate Eid Al Adha.

He told them there were no Soviet troops now in 19 of Afgh-

anistan's 31 provinces, Bakhtar said.

Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, quoted Najibullah as telling the group of 342 rebels the withdrawal was progressing "in conformity with the fixed time-frame."

"Around half of the Soviet forces have already returned to the Soviet Union" he said.

Rockets

Afghan rebels fired 18 rockets at the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad killing seven people and wounding six, the Soviet news agency Tass reported on Thursday.

Two women and three children were among the dead, it said.

In the past few days there were 18 shelling and raids in six Afghan provinces, including Kabul province, the report said.

Some people had been killed and others wounded, the report added. No figures were given. Meanwhile, a Soviet spokes-

man on Thursday denied a Reuters report from Pakistan that three Soviet officers had been captured and another killed by anti-government rebels near Herat in western Afghanistan.

"This report does not correspond in any way to reality," Vadim Perilyev of the Foreign Ministry told a news briefing. He said the ministry had checked with the Soviet Army command in Afghanistan which reported no such incident took place.

The Reuters report, from Quetta, quoted a rebel field commander Mohammad Sarwar of the Jamiat-e-Islami as saying on Wednesday that he had seen the three officers who he said had been captured while swimming in the Shindand area 80 km south of Herat.

Perilyev told the news briefing he was surprised that Reuters "uses such unverified and questionable sources."

He also hinted that Moscow might be ready to meet Afghan rebels about Soviet servicemen held by the insurgents.

UN helping
Palestinians
rebuild
their camps

BEIRUT, July 29, (AP): The United Nations Relief and Works Agency is helping thousands of Palestinians rebuild their devastated camps after years of factional warfare that killed 1,727 people and wounded 4,127.

The Beirut camps, which were heavily damaged by Israel's invading Army in 1982, have been pulverised by PLO dissidents and Shiite Muslim militias in the last three years.

The Shatilla camp, once the home for 6,500 refugees, is in ruins. The nearby sprawling Bourj El Barajneh shantytown also has sustained heavy destruction.

UNRWA teams have launched what they called "a cleaning campaign" to encourage thousands of refugees, who fled the latest round of warfare between rival Palestinian factions, to return to their Beirut shanties.

The agency's director in Lebanon, Frank de Jonge, a Dutchman, said on Thursday about 134 Palestinian families have so far returned to their shacks in Shatilla. A larger number went back to Bourj El Barajneh, he said.

Jonge said a similar campaign has been conducted in 10 other refugee camps throughout Lebanon.

UNRWA personnel were seen on Thursday patching up holes in Shatilla caused by shells and rockets. Some were removing debris blocking the dusty alleyways, while others repaired blown-out water pipes, cleaned sewage and collected garbage.

"We are so grateful to UNRWA. We never thought of returning to our home before UNRWA's help, which boosted our morale," said 41-year-old housewife Zeina Fahoum as she was removing the rubble from her home in Shatilla.

UNRWA has distributed some 500 seedlings to Shatilla's children to plant them in front of their shacks "so that the kids will look after the trees," Jonge said as he was removing a pile of rubble in Shatilla.

Shatilla, or what was left of it from the earlier battles, was virtually flattened after guerrillas of Col. Saed Mousa's Fatah uprising faction overran it on June 27, ousting Yasser Arafat's Fatah loyalists.

Although Beirut's other major camp, Bourj El Barajneh, sustained less damage, many of its shelters are uninhabited because of large shell holes. Arafat's men were driven out of Bourj El Barajneh after it fell to the dissidents on July 8.

At least 127 people have been killed and 527 wounded in the bloody two-month power struggle that began last May between the dissidents and Arafat's loyalists for control of the Beirut camps.

First anniversary of peace accord

11 die in Sri Lanka violence

COLOMBO, July 29, (AP): Ten Sinhalese extremists and a soldier were killed and militants torch buses on the first anniversary of a peace accord aimed at ending Tamil separatist violence, police said today.

Most shops, offices and businesses were closed in Colombo, the capital, and its suburbs. Police said people were afraid to open their businesses because of possible violence by Sinhalese radicals opposed to the Indian-brokered peace accord.

24-hour curfew went into effect this morning in the island's south after radical Sinhalese nationalists called for a general strike.

Residents in the northern city of Vavuniya said by telephone that Indian soldiers also declared curfews in some areas in the

island's north and east until Sunday, according to prevent attacks by Tamil rebels.

The peace accord is opposed both by Tamil rebels fighting for five years for independence in the north and east of the island and by the Peoples Liberation Front, an extremist group from the island's majority Sinhalese community which believes the pact makes too many concessions to the minority. The Tamils say it does not meet their demands for independence.

Ten men were killed by police in separate incidents in which Sinhalese extremists tried to attack government property, a police spokesman said. He said a Sinhalese Sri Lankan soldier was fatally shot in a battle with extremists in Hambantota district in the south.

In southern and central Sri Lanka, strongholds of the Sinhalese extremists, at least eight government-owned buses were set afire last night and this morning, the police spokesman said.

Electricity supplies to at least four towns in southern Sri Lanka were cut last night after Sinhalese extremists blew up electrical transformers, he said.

A railroad engineer was injured when his train was hit by a firebomb as it pulled into Colombo, police said. Only few government-owned or private buses were seen running.

In the island's north, nearly 50,000 Indian soldiers deployed under the peace accord were put on alert after Tamil rebels called for a demonstration to protest the peace pact.

On Thursday, 14 Sinhalese farmers were killed by Tamil rebels near Padaviya village, northeast of Colombo.

The peace accord, signed by India and Sri Lanka on July 29, 1987, calls for the government to grant limited autonomy to minority Tamils in exchange for the rebels giving up their fight for a separate Tamil nation.

Burmese
students
stage protest

RANGOON, July 29, (Reuters): About 200 students demonstrated at Rangoon's Shwedagon pagoda on Thursday in the first display of opposition in the capital since Sein Lwin took over as the country's socialist leader on Tuesday.

Witnesses said today the students staged their protest as crowds gathered at Burma's holiest pagoda for the start of a Buddhist religious festival.

The students demanded recognition of their union by the end of August but did not say what they might do if this was refused. There were no reports of police intervention.

Students have been in the vanguard of popular unrest across the country during the past five months. Diplomats say the unrest claimed the lives of more than 200 people and led to last week's resignation of Ne Win, who ruled with an iron hand for 26 years.

The Shwedagon pagoda, whose gold-clad spire dominates the Rangoon skyline, was briefly taken over by students during bloody riots in the capital in June.

Authorities reported on Thursday that police opened fire in the northern district of Myade, about 320 km north of Rangoon. They killed one man and injured five, after stone-throwing rioters rampaged through the streets.

ICAO team
in Iran to
probe plane
downing

NICOSIA, July 29, (Reuters): Iran said a five-man team from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) arrived in Tehran today to investigate the downing of an Iranian airliner by a US warship with the loss of 290 lives.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said the team would visit the site where the Iran Air Airbus crashed on July 3 near Hangam Island at the Hormuz Strait in the entrance to the Gulf.

Mistook

It was hit by at least one missile fired by the US cruiser Vincennes while on a flight from Iran's southern port of Bandar Abbas to Dubai across the Gulf.

Washington said the ship mistook the plane for an Iranian F-14 Tomcat fighter on an attack run, but Iran said it was a deliberate act and requested a probe by ICAO.

The UN agency oversees safety of international airlines and sets standards for civil aviation.

Iran also took the issue to the UN Security Council which on July 20 issued a resolution expressing deep regret over the loss of life but not condemning the United States.

On Thursday, a US Defence Department spokesman said a US team of investigators had ended its probe of the incident and an unclassified version of its report would be released after it was studied by Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

Jordan scraps W. Bank development plan

Arafat to visit Amman shortly

AMMAN, July 29, (Reuters): Jordan expects PLO leader Yasser Arafat to visit Amman next week following the kingdom's cancellation of its development plan for the occupied West Bank, a senior Jordanian official said.

The official told local reporters Jordan also planned to dissolve its lower house of parliament, whose 60 seats are equally shared by representatives from the East and West Banks.

The official said Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, would discuss the basis for future Palestinian relations with Jordan, now that the kingdom had partially disengaged itself from the Israeli-held West Bank.

The Jordanian government announced earlier on Thursday it was abandoning its development plan, launched in 1986, because it wanted to allay suspicions about

its motives.

The official said Jordan was also willing to discuss with the PLO how the two sides could assist a seven-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

King Hussein invited Arafat to Amman in March, but the PLO chief has so far stayed away.

Relations have been uneasy since the collapse in February 1986 of a Jordan-PLO accord on a joint approach to Middle East peace talks.

Changes

Political sources said cabinet changes to reduce the number of ministers from the West Bank were also planned.

A cabinet statement, carried by the state-run news agency Petra, said Jordan had abandoned the development plan in

response to wishes expressed by Arafat at an Arab League summit in Algiers in June.

The PLO has long opposed the five-year development scheme as a strategy for boosting Amman's influence among Palestinians in the West Bank.

The cabinet said it decided to cancel the plan after discussing how to "highlight the Palestinian identity, allow the PLO to shoulder its full responsibilities... and end any misinterpretation of any effort Jordan makes to sustain the steadfastness of the Palestinian people under occupation."

Diplomats say Jordan reviewed its policy partly because the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has eroded pro-Jordanian sentiment there.

Jordanian political sources said King Hussein was weary of being accused of trying to compete with the PLO for support.

Kim urges US to help reunite Korea

TOKYO, July 29, (UPI): In a continuing diplomatic offensive, North Korean President Kim Il Sung appealed to the United States to help reunite Korea, and the North Korean parliament called for direct talks with US Congress, the official (North) Korean Central News Agency reported today.

"The United States must not only try to improve its relations with the major powers but also come to settle the disputes with small countries by peaceful means," Kim said at a banquet in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang last night, the news

agency reported in a dispatch monitored in Tokyo.

Kim called on the United States and South Korea to accept a North proposal for dialogue on reunification of the two Koreas, the news agency said.

The two Koreas have been divided since the end of World War II and never signed a peace treaty following the 1950-53 Korean war.

The head of North Korea's parliament, Yang Hyong Sop, sent a letter to the US Congress calling for direct talks in either Pyongyang, New York or a third country to discuss signing a peace

treaty, the news agency said.

North Korea began its peace offensive July 21, when the North Korean parliament, the Supreme People's Assembly, proposed talks with South Korea's parliament to discuss a non-aggression pact.

Leaders of South Korea's major political parties accepted the North Korean offer the following day.

National Assembly officials said a South Korean letter proposing the talks will be delivered to North Korea through Panmunjom, the border truce site, on Monday.

BNP expels four leaders

DHAKA, July 29, (AP): The opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party expelled four of its leaders Thursday for what its president called violations of party discipline.

Khaleda Zia, president of the BNP, said the decision to expel the four officers was made late Wednesday. She did not elaborate on the reasons.

Those expelled were Obaidur Rahman, former secretary-general of the party, and senior executives Abul Hasnat, Ahmed Nazir and Abul Kashem.

Rahman helped Mrs Zia's late husband, President Ziaur ul-Rahman, organise the BNP in the late 1970s. He also supported Mrs Zia's efforts to become head of the party in 1983 after her husband was assassinated.

He was a key adviser to her until disagreement earlier this year over the party's constitution. Rahman demanded that party members have more say in the organisation's operation.

The disagreement became public last month when Mrs Zia replaced Rahman as secretary-general.

"This expulsion is undemocratic," Rahman said. "It is like stabbing democracy in the back."

There has been speculation that Rahman would form a rival party. He declined comment.

Meanwhile, authorities closed one of the nation's six universities indefinitely following violent clashes between rival student political groups.

At least 10 students at Rajshahi University were injured Wednesday in the clashes and nearly 100 dormitory rooms were ransacked, police said. They said the students also set fire to furniture and books.

The trouble erupted when more than 100 supporters of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party raided the campus and clashed with supporters of an eight-party alliance.



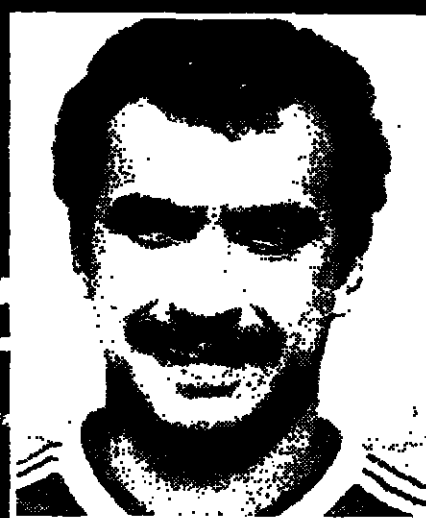
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'Saudi Arabia is a peace-loving nation'

LONDON, July 29, (KUNA): The Saudi Ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan has said, Saudi Arabia has reasons and justifications for severing relations with Iran.

"Once these reasons are removed nothing would stop the resumption of relations because the kingdom respects the Iranian Muslim people and wishes them welfare."

Implementation
Prince Bandar said the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 598 to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war requires that all parties should reconsider their stands. In a statement to the London-

based Al Hawad magazine Bander said the kingdom is a peace-loving nation and therefore, it would follow up the events and would make the appropriate decision after assessing the situation.

Regarding the kingdom's weapons purchasing, Bander said the diversification in arms source is a wise policy.

Bander commended the Saudi-American relations and described them as deep-rooted, firm and based on mutual respect.

He highlighted the efforts of the Saudi monarch to achieve Islamic and Arab solidarity.

Japanese minister to visit Iraq and Iran

TOKYO, July 29, (KUNA): Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Takakazu Koryama is scheduled to pay a visit to Iran and Iraq next week for talks with officials there on efforts exerted towards implementing Security Council Resolution 598.

According to press reports today, Koryama will meet in Tehran next Friday with Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

Conclusion
Quoting Foreign Ministry officials, the press reports added that following conclusion of his visit to Tehran, Koryama will leave for Baghdad for talks with Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

Koryama, special emissary of the Japanese Foreign Minister Susoku Uno, is also expected to

discuss with Iranian and Iraqi officials his country's role in the reconstruction process.

Following his Gulf tour, the Japanese diplomat will fly to New York to brief the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on outcome of his talks with Iranian and Iraqi officials.

Negotiations
In the meantime, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official told reporters today that Koryama will also meet with US Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs Michael Armocost in Washington.

The Japanese and American diplomats will exchange views in regard to the Middle East amid negotiations towards achieving a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran.

Pilgrims returning

PILGRIMS have started returning to Kuwait after performing haj.

Pilgrims praised the services extended by the Saudi authorities.

More than a million have travelled to Saudi Arabia from different parts of the world for the haj.

Wajih Qiani who has performed haj several times said that services offered by the Saudi authorities were better than before.

He added that the Kuwaiti medical mission was equally good and provided comfort and health facilities. Security, he said, was different from previous years and available at all times.



Pilgrims at the Kuwait International Airport.

Arab ministers' conference

CONTACTS are under way to convene an Arab foreign ministers' conference in August, to discuss recent Arab developments, particularly efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the Iraqi-Iranian war, according to a press report on Thursday.

Al Qabas newspaper quoted unnamed Arab diplomatic sources as stating that the majority of Arab states believe an end of the Gulf conflict necessitates the re-arrangement of Arab ranks and a new strategy to fit the post-war era.

If peace is endorsed, efforts must be concentrated to boost the Palestinian uprising and political work activated to further project the Palestinian cause and its impact on world peace, the sources concluded.

Committee formed to fight AIDS

THE Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak, issued a decision yesterday ordering the setting up of a national committee to fight against AIDS. The decision stipulated the basic preventive measures within the framework of a national strategy.

This decision will implement the recommendations of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which were issued after its meeting last year in Baghdad. The decision also takes note of the first and second conferences on AIDS held in Kuwait in 1986 and 1987.

The national committee is headed by the Public Health

Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Naeel Al Naqeb, and consists of doctors, specialists, representatives of several ministries as well as a professor of religious studies and a lawyer.

The decision states that the main duties of the committee are to work out the general policy for prevention and treatment of the disease in Kuwait and to prepare the necessary plans and programmes to protect people from the killer disease, which will include public awareness campaigns.

The committee will also propose the measures necessary to preserve the rights of patients and their personal freedom within the law and social norms.

Bahraini premier has successful operation

BAHRAIN, July 29, (Reuters): Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa has had a successful medical operation in Saudi Arabia, officials said today.

The operation was performed at the armed forces hospital in Riyadh. An official statement said it was performed by a heart surgeon.

The Bahraini officials said Sheikh Khalifa, 52, who has been treated in the past for a heart ailment, was in good health.

Sheikh Khalifa has been prime minister since 1975 and is a brother of Bahrain's Amir, Sheikh Issa.

Distribution of houses

AHMED Al Samakah the assistant director general for applications and allocation affairs at Kuwait's National Housing Authority (NHA) in an interview with a local daily was quoted as saying that housing units at West Fintas projects will be distributed after the summer vacation.

He disclosed that the NHA had delayed the draw process to enable all citizens to be present after the holidays.

Al Samakah said that 605 houses had already been distributed out of a total of 1,225.

Al Samakah added that the new housing law is still subject of a comprehensive study by the Higher Housing Council meant to bridge any loopholes in the existing law.

Educational studies

THE head of the educational research centre at the Ministry of Education Mohammad Saad Abu Ghaidh said that the centre recently completed seven educational studies as part of the centre's task for the current academic year.

He said these studies dealt with various important issues related to eradication of illiteracy and the abilities to fulfil the Arabic curriculum.

He said the studies would evaluate teachers' professional skills and qualifications and other related issues which deal with curriculums at various educational levels.

He said that the centre had formed a committee to specify guidelines to conduct reviewing researchers at the centre.

School administration system under review

THE Minister of Education and Higher Education Minister Naeel Al Nouri said a committee was formed to review the school administration system with the concept of creating a more effective administration.

In an interview organised by members of the summer clubs journalism activity at Al Ahmadi educational area, the official said that the Higher Council for Education will follow up the school administration project.

Al Nouri stated that a comprehensive review of the secondary education activities will be undertaken. He disclosed that there are no intentions to open an industrial, commercial or artistic high school.

The minister expressed his happiness at the general secondary exams results for this year

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cable

HH the Amir on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Peru on the occasion of his country's national day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Absolute US hostility

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday lashed out at what it called "the absolute US hostility towards the Arabs" and noted that the American administration was saving no effort to ensure Israel's military supremacy over its Arab neighbours.

The paper, Al Rai Al Aam, said in a front-page editorial the American Congress would readily act to block any arms sales to Arab countries, while the administration is always mindful of Israel's military demands.

The paper cited reports that Washington had frozen economic and military co-operation with Qatar because that Arab Gulf country "illegally" obtained US-made Stinger missiles.

"This means one thing: absolute US hostility to the Arabs," according to the paper which, meanwhile, indicated that the American administration and Congress lavishly supply Israel with weaponry and even "the right to kill and annihilate the others and eliminate their existence."

The paper bitterly opined that the Congress would not hesitate to go to any length including "bypassing its legislative power ... as to abuse Arabs and to prove its uncanny effectiveness in serving Israel and International Zionism."

Iraqi stand supported

A LOCAL daily has backed Iraq's call for a "clear and specific plan" to settle all aspects of the Gulf conflict in order to achieve lasting peace between the two Gulf belligerents.

"Al Rai Al Aam newspaper expressed fear that cessation of armed hostilities between Iraq and Iran would only be a "step for freezing the conflict ... and a long truce."

It called on the international community to exert all possible efforts to find a lasting and comprehensive solution to the protracted war between Iraq and Iran and to create the necessary conditions for a peaceful settlement.

The newspaper cautioned that the big powers always left "areas for manoeuvres" and loopholes that allow interference to re-kindle conflicts and create tensions.

Vegetable market in Sulaibikhat

KHALED Abdullah Al Rashed, the managing director of Kuwait Agricultural Products Company, has said that a new vegetable market has been established by the company in the Sulaibikhat area.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Rashed said that the market, in addition to the two other markets in the Sulaibikhat and "Raqqa" areas, aimed to expand the marketing base of local vegetable produce and to

keep the produce within the reach of citizens and residents and added that the company also planned to set up new marketing channels.

He mentioned how, in the past, farmers had suffered as a result of the prevailing monopoly mentality, which caused drastic drops in the price of local produce.

He added that the company had been able to learn from the previous mishandling of the marketing process and was planning to purchase the produce of local farmers at the centres of Al Abdali and Al Wafra, at prices determined by the daily market situation.

He said furthermore, that the company aimed to export surplus to foreign markets in order to offset the fall in prices in the local market.

Teenager drowned

By Khalil Al Rakabi

A 16-YEAR-OLD youth identified as Hadi Mohsen Al Shemari drowned in the swimming pool complex at the Water-front Project.

Hadi's friends said, they along with the boy had gone to swim at 9.30 pm. At around midnight when they could not find Hadi, they took his clothes and went to his father.

Hadi's brother Ali said that he and his father went to the complex after midnight where the watchman affirmed there was no one inside the complex as it was searched thoroughly prior to closing. However, they stayed there in the hope of finding the boy still somewhere around the complex.

At 3.30 am, they saw cleaning workers running towards the pool and an ambulance subsequently arriving. The boy was found floating in the pool.

Ali has accused the supervisors of the pools complex of negligence.

Follow health guidelines

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Health has warned against neglecting health guidelines at swimming pools in the country.

He elucidated by stating that swimming pools are considered important entertainment utilities for people during summer and consequently could pass on contagious diseases among swimmers if health restrictions are not followed.

The source called for continuous and accurate medical control by relevant authorities to protect swimmers from infection. Swimmers should also be regularly checked to ensure they are free from diseases, he added.

He disclosed that most contagious diseases at swimming pools are the catarrh, respiratory system diseases, infection of the middle ear and skin diseases.

UK to review naval presence after ceasefire takes hold

LONDON, July 29, (KUNA): Britain's Defence Secretary George Younger has said that an end to the Iran-Iraq war would be a "major event for the Middle East" and it would lead to positive developments in the region.

In an interview with KUNA, Younger reiterated that Britain was "very pleased indeed with Iran's decision to accept the UN Security Council Resolution 598."

The minister pointed out "we were surprised, but pleased when we heard about the Iranian move."

Optimism
He noted that the Iranians have become "war weary" and expressed the hope that the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar would soon get an agreed basis for a ceasefire in the Gulf.

The minister voiced optimism about the prospects of peace in the area, but in the meantime indicated that the British naval task force, the Armilla patrol, would continue its work until "we see the effect of a ceasefire."

"If this is a genuine ceasefire and no hostilities take place, then we would clearly review the size of our naval presence in the hope of being able to reduce it."

Furthermore, the British defence secretary hinted that the Armilla patrol would remain in place in the near future.

"We have traditionally had

some Royal Navy presence in the area on a visiting basis, even before there was a war in the Gulf."

He stressed that Britain has many friends in the Gulf and would continue to foster their friendship.

During the interview Younger described the Gulf war as one of the "most fruitless disputes the Middle East has ever seen as there was no realistic prospect of either Iran or Iraq defeating each other."

Fruitless

He believed that the war was "more futile than wars usually are because there was no final winner or loser."

He was confident that a peaceful resolution of the dispute could lead to a big reduction of tensions in the Gulf, while remarking that this development could also bring about a resumption of normal trade relations between all states involved in the region.

Younger suggested that Britain would also like to rebuild its relations with Iran.

He restated that Britain enjoys very good relations with all the Arab Gulf countries and had not taken sides in the Gulf war.

But the minister was emphatic that Iran should give clear guarantees about the safety of British diplomats in Tehran before full diplomatic relations could be restored.

Responding to a query, Younger made it clear that there was a growing realisation within Iran that the "number of increasing pressures have become unbearable after the revenue from oil has been seriously curtailed, in addition to the great number of casualties they suffered and the severe shortage of equipment."

Therefore Iran has become convinced that it was "futile" to continue the war.

He recalled that pressure from the entire international community on Iran following the adoption last year of the UN ceasefire resolution had brought home the message to Tehran that it had no supporters in refusing to accept the Security Council demand.

Younger emphasised the UK's continued support to the UN secretary-general in his efforts to bring about a ceasefire and the return to "the status quo."

He denied that there would be a review of Britain's defence sales to the Arab Gulf countries if peace would break out between Baghdad and Tehran.

Too early
"Our friends remain our friends, but it is too early to talk about resuming defence sales to the two warring countries until peace was fully established," the defence secretary added.

Referring to his recent visit to Kuwait, Younger said that it was a "friendship trip between two old friends and defence sales

were a part of it."

He paid tribute to the Kuwaiti "extremely warm reception" accorded him during his stay there.

The discussions covered the "whole range of all defence equipment that Britain could provide to Kuwait, and these matters are being further discussed by our staff."

The minister felt sure that there would be "some positive result from the discussions, although what particular items there will be I do not know, there are a whole range of very obvious equipment which we would offer but I do not have any idea about their intention for buying them."

No indication

He suggested that among the items offered are tanks, aircraft including the Tornado and the Hawk military planes, "but the Kuwaitis gave no indication about what they were intending to buy in the near future as they are still evaluating the matter."

Younger admitted that Britain was competing with the Americans "and they compete with us all over the world in defence sales, but there is no problem about that."

Turning to the announced agreement between Britain and Saudi Arabia for a massive arms deal, the minister said the talks on the details were still going on and no final figures or decisions have been made.

He underlined that the

agreement represents a major addition to the Al Yamama project "which is going on very smoothly and successfully."

The defence secretary confirmed that Britain has already supplied Saudi Arabia with 20 Tornado aircraft, as part of the first defence sales agreement between the two nations signed more than two years ago.

He also pinpointed that the discussions were "continuing all the time between the two sides on details of the second project but they have to remain confidential."

However, Younger told KUNA that among the items offered in the new accord would be aircraft, minehunters and various other naval equipment and facilities.

"The discussions proceed and we would have a better idea at the end of the year and there is a large number of our people there discussing these matters with the Saudis."

Support

On the Arab-Israeli dispute, the minister expressed the hope that progress would be made and reaffirmed Britain's support for the ideas of the international conference on the Middle East.

He dismissed the Israeli criticism of the new Anglo-Saudi arms deal, underscoring that "Britain has done business with Saudi Arabia for a long time, and there is no offensive intent against Israel."

Fish is an important source of food

ADNAN AL RUSHOUD, the director of the fish wealth department at the Public Authority of Agriculture and Fish Resources, has said that fish is an important source of food and national income for Kuwait.

He added that the department was responsible for supervising and controlling the fish wealth in the country, as well as preparing and training national personnel to run the sector.

The department also co-operates with a number of related bodies, especially the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, the Environment Protection Council and Kuwait University in making scientific studies and surveying fish wealth in regional waters and together they have prepared a strategy and a five-year plan to develop the fisheries industry.

Al Rushoud pointed out that the extent of the Kuwaiti coast made the area good for fishing, with the northern area near Failaka Island being the richest in fish. He added, however, that continuous consumption and the Iraq-Iran war have taken their toll on fish supplies and led to the importation of fresh fish from international markets to meet shortages, despite the discovery of 100,000 tons of fish in the north-west of the Gulf.

To counter the effects of reduced access to supplies, Kuwait built fish farms, which have started to become economically productive. These, along with local fisheries and external markets, should be able to fully meet local needs.

UN chief's plan to implement ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS, July 29, (KUNA): On September 16, 1987, the secretary-general submitted to the Security Council a plan of implementation of Security Council Resolution 598. The current peace negotiations are based on this plan. Following are its nine elements:

1. — from a specific date, to be agreed upon, and referred to for the purpose of negotiations as D-Day, a ceasefire would be observed.

Withdrawal
2. — on a specific date after D-Day, which would have to be agreed upon, the withdrawal of all forces to the internationally recognised boundaries would start (to be completed within an agreed time-frame);

3. — on D-Day, a team of United Nations observers would be dispatched to verify, confirm and supervise the ceasefire and, subsequently, the withdrawal of all forces;

4. — D-Day, or on an agreed date thereafter, prisoners of war would begin to be released and repatriated in accordance with the Third Geneva Convention of 1949;

Dispatch
5. — on D-Day, I would start negotiations with Iran and Iraq with a view to achieving a comprehensive, just and honourable settlement of all outstanding issues acceptable to both sides;

6. — on D-Day, or another date to be agreed upon, an impartial body to inquire into the responsibility for the conflict would start its work;

7. — at a date to be agreed, the

impartial body would complete its work;

8. — on a day after D-Day, to be agreed upon, I would dispatch a team of experts to study the question of reconstruction;

9. — on D-Day, or on a date to be agreed upon, I would start consultations with Iran and Iraq, and with other states concerned, on measures to enhance the security and stability of the region."

Summer work

THE acting undersecretary for students and sports affairs at the Ministry of Education, Abdullah Al Loqman, has expressed satisfaction over the success of the students' working experiment during the summer vacation.

He was quoted as saying that the experiment emanated from the desire of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, to patronise Kuwaiti youngsters to enable them to gain the necessary experience in preparation for the responsibilities of life.

He attributed the success of the experiment to the positive response of ministries, institutions, companies and other authorities and the enthusiasm of the students themselves.

In reply to a question regarding wages to be given to students for their summer work, Al Loqman described the wages as a form of token payment and said that the ministry had suggested that each student should receive KD75 per month.



A van caught fire and burst into flames on the flyover at the intersection of Fahad Expressway and Funtaiites road. (Photo by Javed Basra)

4,423 applications received

THE acting dean of admission and registration at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Saud Jaffar, expects an increase in the registration of students.

He disclosed that 4,423 applications were received between June 25 and last Wednesday.

Obtain

The official said that Kuwaiti students should obtain at least 55 per cent in the Secondary School Certificate (science section) and 60 per cent for graduates of arts section. Non-Kuwaitis should have at least 90 per cent in the SSC.

Fire put out

FIREMEN yesterday put out a blaze within 10 minutes at a chalet in the Salwa area. No injuries were reported.

Wood stored in the vacant chalet had caught fire, officials said.

Kuwaitis graduate

THREE Kuwaiti students — Lina Hassan Abo Amara, Mahmoud Haji Dahdahi and Omar Ibrahim Jabr — received Bachelor of Science degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Portland during the spring commencement ceremony on May 1.

SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Heathcliff
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
7.30 Valerie: the mother arranges a meeting between her son and a girl she knows well; her youngest son brings home the neighbours' dog.
8.00 News in English
8.30 The Flying Doctors: a new doctor arrives in town while another takes off for Africa; the barman's wife falls ill and the new doctor has to treat her.
9.30 My Two Dads: "Once a Son..." Joe opens an art exhibition, but his father asks him to give up such unprofitable business.
10.00 Hilary's Adventures: an Englishman crosses the ocean in a small rowing boat and a young woman traverses the skies in a balloon.
10.30 Bestseller: "The Perfect Spy" based on John Le Carre's novel
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Galtar
6.30 The Craft of the Potter: "Glaze and Fire" a look at making and modifying glazes. Certain mysteries of kilns and firing are explained.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
7.30 The Duck Factory: the studio employees support a colleague attempting to convince his father that he was not destined to be a dentist.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Cuba Libre: a group of men prepare to invade Cuba but first they need to raise money for the venture.
9.30 Private Benjamin: "Judy Gets Her Gun." The recruits take part in a shooting contest, with unexpected results.
10.00 Hitchcock: "Prosecutor" An ambitious man tries to hoist on somebody else the blame for a crime he has committed.
10.30 The Equaliser: "Inner-view" McCall and Gage help a psychic whose visions of a serial killer include her as a victim.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Rabick
6.30 Chocky: Trouble is in store when the family

This week on KTV 2

go on a holiday. Polly falls into a fast-flowing river and Matthew, who has never learnt to swim, saves her.
7.00 Australian Ark: "The Green World" Flora today and its evolution through hundreds of millions of years
8.00 News in English
8.30 Yon and the Law
8.40 Magnum: "Novel Connection". Three women arrive in Magnum's ranch where attempts on their lives occur... But they refuse any help extended from Magnum and wait the arrival of a more reliable private detective.
9.30 Les Franchises De Marguerite: Edward and his wealthy uncle along with their German companion arrive in America to verify the success achieved by the Wright Brothers in utilising thermal energy to propel the

plane upward...
10.00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be". The two cousins are asked to participate in a TV commercial.
10.30 Slightly Honourable: B/W film starring: Eve Arden, Claire Dodd as lawyer partners who set out to break a crime syndicate

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Inspector Gadget
6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Jeffrey Finds a Friend." Connie competes with Jeffrey in maths, but both realise that co-operation and friendship is better.
7.00 Computers in Control: "Recognising the Obvious." Computer applications in modern industries for increasing production on rapid rates...
7.30 Growing Pains: "Gone But Not Forgotten." The Seavers' house is



Smits and Hamlin practise L.A. Law

attacked by thieves and they get worried.
8.00 News in English
8.30 O'Hara: "Fagin. All Over Again." O'hara and his assistant Sheaver receive an invitation to visit the museum, where they are received by two persons in official uniforms who take the keys to Sheaver's new car in order to park it, but even they have a secret.
9.30 Wildlife On One: "Odd Noses of Borneo" The proboscis monkey is named after its huge and pendulous nose, but nobody knows



Sunday's bestseller: The Perfect Spy, based on John Le Carre's novel

SUNDAY

- 10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: Arabic daily serial starring Mirvat Amin
11.15 Ala Al Dunya Al Salam: Arabic daily serial
2.30 Al Sarab: Arabic serial
4.15 Hama Al Qahar: Arabic film starring Mohamed Subhi and Suad Naser
6.00 Al Jawharah: a series for children
9.45 Al Hesar: Arabic serial
10.30 Late Night Variety Show

MONDAY

- 4.15 Italy vs Brazil: World Cup Final 1970
6.00 Mamma Anisah and the Children
8.10 The Holy Quran and Science: prepared and produced by Dr Ahmed Shawki Ibrahim
10.45 The Last Night: Arabic film starring Faten Hamamah, Ahmed Mazhar, Mahmoud Mursi and Kamal Yaseen

KTV I weekly highlights

TUESDAY

- 4.15 Silver Spoons: English serial
4.15 Human Emotions: Arabic play featuring Salah Zulfakar, Ilham Shaheen and Emad Rashad
10.45 Nougout Al Madina: A variety show presented by Sakina Fuad

WEDNESDAY

- 4.15 The Longest Bridge: English film about the Sino-Japanese War of 1937-39.
6.00 Bundok and Bundoka: children's serial starring Abdurrahman Abu Zahara and Liza.
10.45 Hekayat Men Al Baya: starring Meiad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Yusuf Al Jamal, and Mohammed Khotoum.

THURSDAY

- 4.15 The Saint: English serial

starring Roger Moore as the smooth and suave detective Simon Templar
10.00 Al Awantajiya: Arabic film starring Suhair Al Babeli, Afaf Shuaib, Said Saleh. The mother doesn't want her son to marry the girl he loves.
11.45 Late Night Variety Show

FRIDAY

- 10.15 Al Saif Al Mafkood: local weekly serial for children, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazzem, Ali Al Muftedi and Awatif Mohammed.
2.30 Hadith Deen: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammed Mutwafi Sharawi
3.30 Hindi Film
8.25 Kul Al Fumoun: focus on arts in the Arab world
10.45 Naseeb: weekly local serial

why its nose grows so big...

10.00 Sledge Hammer: "The Last of the Red Hot Vampires." An assistant director plans to exploit the alleged death of an actor who plays the role of a vampire.

10.30 L.A. Law: Kozak wants a tobacco company to pay a compensation for damages caused as a result of smoking cigarettes while Victor purchases a car at a very high price...

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six
6.30 Sesame Street: tutorial, educational and recreational programme for children...
7.30 Full House: "Daddy's Home"
8.00 News in English
8.30 High Mountain Rangers: "Competitions" Roy Kohn is jealous of the Rangers team and plans to carry out rescue operations alone

9.30 I Married Dora: "God's Waiting Room"

10.00 The Hit Squad: Practical jokes, intrigues, laughs, fun and sneaky hits captured through the hidden camera

10.30 Feature film: "Territorial Men" starring Brenda Vaccaro, Bert Kramer. Sarah, a beautiful school teacher remains lonely until a very rich man suddenly comes to her village to purchase a ranch.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.00 Foo Fur
6.30 Walt Disney Film: "Flash, The Teenage Otter." Adventures of a young fox from birth to maturity and independence

7.30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children...

8.00 News in English
9.30 Summer '88
8.40 Beauty and the Beast: Catherine endeavours to help a young gypsy boy whose grandfather, the "gypsy king" believes him to be dead

8.30 227: "The Working Game". Mary wants her husband to find her a job but he has other plans.
10.00 Guinness Records
10.30 Tour of Duty: "Dislocation" Goldman and Anderson are charged to evacuate a Vietnamese village.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Space Adventure: cartoon serial
10.15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustaf Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki
11.15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahed
12.00 News
12.15 A & B: a cultural programme
1.05 News summary
1.05 World today via satellite
2.00 Songs and Music
2.35 Al Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Issa
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.00 News summary
4.15 Hekayat Al Ayam Al Asebah
6.00 The Junior Artist
6.30 Official announcements and information

7.00 Noor Al Islam: prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

7.30 Nazrat Al Alam
7.50 Security and citizens
9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Al Hisan: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardush

10.45 Al Liqa Al Thani: Arabic weekly serial starring Mahmoud Yaseen, Bousi and Mahmoud Masoud

11.45 News summary
11.50 World today via satellite

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Duck Tales
6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Clear Ahead" Part 2. George has become a signalman but he is made to feel a failure at work and at home.
7.00 World of Survival: a look at the struggle for survival among

the various inhabitants of the Arizona desert.

7.30 Alf: "The Boy Next Door." a young boy makes a deal with Alf, promising not to reveal his secret.

8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon and Simon: "You Too Can Be a Detective." Molly, a stewardess, asks the Simons to train her as a detective after one of her colleagues is murdered and another promoted.

9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology

10.30 TV Movie: "King of the Mountain" a group of young men go racing on mountain slopes at night.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning

- 0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock
1000 Our Press Today
1002 Songs and Music
1005 The Years of Pops
1100 Closedown

Evening

- 2100 Opening
2102 Songs and Music
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Kuwait in a Week
2215 Rock On
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Strictly Romantic
2330 Amazing Facts
2400 Closedown

45 Network UK (ex 2nd Sports-world)

- 0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 A Jolly Good Show
0900 World News
0902 British Press Review
15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Personal View
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humphrey
15 Letter from America
30 People and Politics (ex 30th)

1100 World News

- 09 News about Britain
15 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 2nd and 23rd Sports-world)
30 Meridian
1200 Radio Newswel
15 Multitrack 3
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary (ex 2nd sports-world)
30 Network UK (ex 2nd)
45 Sports-world

1400 News Summary

- 1500 Radio Newswel
15 Sports-world
1600 World News
1602 News about Britain
15 Sports-world
1700 World News
09 Words
15 The Ken Bruce Show
45 Sports Roundup

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Spanish Hour
1800 Pops
2100 News
2145 Pops
2200 Indian Classical Hour
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newswel
30 Personal View
45 Recording of the Week
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
30 Guitar Workshop
45 Nature Notebook
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Network UK (ex 2nd Sports-world)
30 People and Politics (ex 30th)
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 Europe's World
45 Business Matters
0400 Newswel
30 Here's Humphrey
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Personal View
45 The World Today
0600 Newswel
30 Meridian
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From the Weeklies

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.38 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.41
Isha	8.07

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Souk Waqef, Algiers St.

Al Bakhsham Pharmacy
Ahmed Al Jaber St.

Hawalli and Nagra
Al Walid Pharmacy
Tunis St.

Salimiya and Rumaithiya
Qortuba Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahabeh and Ahmadi
Burgan Pharmacy
Souk Sabah, Fahabeh
Jeeb Al Shiyaokh
Al Razi Pharmacy
Block 17, Area 14, Bldg. Kharencji
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

D'Assail Association
The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Carom Tourney
A carom tournament will be held in Masjid Hawalli, commencing on 5th August, 1988. Those interested in participating, please call 5618684; 8-12.30 pm. Last date for registering names is 4th August.

German-Speaking Cultural Association
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Summer Belle '88
The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle '88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Goncalves 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Bangladesh variety show
Bangladesh children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in participating, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

YMCA
The YMCA will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Onam Festival
The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbassiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat

race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese - 4314511; Thomas Pereumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil - 2422973.

HOTELS
At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Vienna Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hanging Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shabrazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

At the Sheraton
Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed on Fridays.

At the Hamba
features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by

solo harpist Harp Dreams. Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Ramada
El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The Take-Away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Meridien
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Continental
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

PBAK bowling tournament

THE PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang.

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament
The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE borrower is a servant to the lender — The Bible.

OPINION

Forget the past, hold direct talks

ABOUT three months ago in a meeting with commanders of the Air Force, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced that this would be the last year of the war.

On that day, we had announced that it was the first occasion at which he had made this prediction and commented that the President was not speaking from a vacuum.

What we are witnessing now, is the exact reality of his statement. The official acceptance to the end of the war — after it had practically ended.

Talk of ending the war was repugnant in this region. Though, Khomeini stated "accepting to end the war is just like taking poison." However, the different opposing Iranian leaders must have gauged the true feelings and reactions of the Iranian people when accepting peace. Happiness was abundantly reflected in every corner of Iran.

This clearly demonstrates that the Iranian population did not support the political leadership in continuing the destructive mad war which kept apart neighbours, revived dead conflicts and created a chaotic and undesired climate.

The states of this region have repeatedly stated and this was echoed several times by the Iraqi President that Iran is a neighbouring country and will remain so.

Thus, relations with it can be established on an equitable basis provided a wise political leadership with a good deal of understanding is found in Iran.

Now that Iran has accepted peace, I do firmly believe that Iraq with its political leadership will rise to the occasion with a view to opening a new chapter of peace.

The question now being asked is: What really prevents the Iranian leadership from starting direct negotiations with Iraq? The Iraqis, even at the climax of their victories repeatedly emphasised their willingness to live in peace and establish good relations with Iran.

Iran could also benefit from mending its relations with the Arab world with whom it had lost its friendship.

Let's really begin in earnest direct negotiations by forgetting the miseries of the past. History is full of miseries and sad episodes — let us not add to its repertoire, but, rather talk about reconstructing a bright and peaceful future.

We want Iran a strong neighbour, to co-operate with it within a vital region that can influence the movement of the world. Though, before accepting peace, Iran was thinking of achieving arcane and outdated dreams. Forget the past and prevent it from influencing the present and the future.

A direct meeting between Iraq and Iran would certainly strengthen and speed up the peace process in the region. Further, such a meeting will be conducive to wiping out the miseries of the past — provided the Iranian leadership is really sincere in officially accepting peace — after Iraq practically imposed this dictate.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Much salvage work in store after war

By Terri Taylor

DUBAI, (AP): Salvage executives in the Gulf have been dubbed "the vultures of war" for profiting from Iraqi and Iranian attacks on ships.

But many among them in Dubai, a shipping centre in the southern Gulf, predict they can double profits when Iran and Iraq sign a ceasefire agreement and the Gulf becomes politically calm again.

The salvagers had earned criticism because of the speed with which they raced to the scene of ship attacks to compete for the job of retrieving sunken or sinking vessels.

The first tugboat on the scene traditionally wins the job, and since the tanker war began escalating in 1984, salvage companies have fought for a share of the work that beckoned once their radios crackled "Mayday, Mayday," the common distress signal.

The salvage men defend their role. "Yes, I make money, big money," said one, who didn't want his name used. "But I'm no vulture. I'm an angel of mercy who just happens to get paid for saving ships, cargos, and men's lives."

Distress

By the account of Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit in London, 346 tankers, freighters and small boats including salvage tugs, have been caught in the tanker war. Not all put out distress signals. Some sank before help could reach them. Others sank as the salvagers worked on them.

With 24-hour monitoring stations and fleets of fire-fighting tugs and launches, large international companies like the Dutch Smit Tak and Wijsmuller took the largest share of the work. Salvage claims on a badly damaged tanker can run into tens of millions of dollars.

Local entrepreneurs sprang up from Dubai's port town of Jebel Ali south to the entrance to the Strait of Hormuz. According to one shipping executive, also speaking on condition of anonymity, "every man and his dog with a boat and a radio listening to Channel 16 (the international marine emergency frequency) could become a part-time salvager."

Dangers

Not only did they have to contend with the dangers of such a job — flames, toxic chemicals, explosions — they also lived with the fear that while at the salvage job the raiders, Iraqi or Iranian, might come for a second go at their target.

Last January, the 740-ton Salverve was towing the 225,668-ton Cyprus tanker Coral Cape hit by Iraqi missiles when the Iraqis returned to attack again. This time they blasted the Salverve, killing its British captain and his Filipino chief engineer.

In the first attack, two South Korean seamen were killed.

The world's biggest supertanker, the 565,000-ton Seawise Giant, on charter to Iran from Hong Kong, was hit by three Iraqi bombs. To one side of the Spanish export tanker Barcelona, took two hits. On the other side, the Greek-registered shuttle tanker Argosy escaped the warplanes, but was destroyed by fire.

"She just cooked in burning oil so hot that she actually melted down in the water," said one source. All the vessels are considered constructive total losses by Lloyd's, in the biggest maritime attack of the war. An estimated one million tons of shipping and 18 lives were lost.

In several cases salvagers have successfully blasted tankers in half using explosive charges ringed around the middle of the hull.

New climate of public openness

Soviet press reaps new prestige and criticism

By Thomas Kent

MOSCOW, (AP): Soviet journalism, for decades devoted mainly to praising government policy, is becoming more controversial — and prestigious.

Encouraged by the new climate of public openness, Soviet journalists are covering, sometimes even leading, campaigns against corrupt public officials, social ills and economic mismanagement. Readers who used to mistrust and ridicule newspapers now snap them up at newsstands.

Trust

But the new boldness of the press has brought sharp criticism by some party officials, who claim journalists are muckraking so much that they are undermining the country's basic values.

And the rise in journalists' credibility has been uneven. Big-city reporters covering domestic affairs have written widely on such once-taboo subjects as government corruption, disasters and drug addiction. But many foreign-affairs commentators and provincial journalists

have done less to change their ways.

"Trust in the press has risen, and journalists' prestige has risen accordingly," says Yuri N. Bandura, a deputy editor of Moscow News, a weekly that has become one of the nation's most outspoken since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

"There is a new link between journalism and the political process in society, a link to helping society and participating in its development," he said in an interview.

People used to enter Soviet journalism, he said, in hopes of becoming known for their literary style and eventually becoming novelists or playwrights. Now, he said, journalists are more interested in breaking stories and having an effect on public life.

As he spoke, a dozen people gathered outside the Moscow News offices, reading the newspaper on a display board. Moscow news has published viewpoints departing from the official line on foreign policy, literature and other subjects, and is now sold out on the day of publication.

Not all Soviets like the livelier press, though. At the recently concluded Communist Party conference in Moscow, writer Yuri Bondarev charged that the "reformist, press destroys, humiliates and flushes down the toilet our past and our sacred national values."

Support

Liberal editors Ivan Laptev of Izvestia and Grigory Baklanov of the literary monthly Znamya were shouted down in conference debates, although the gathering ultimately expressed support for the press role in encouraging the restructuring of Soviet society.

Soviet journalists speak frankly now about the restrictions they faced before Gorbachev took over in 1985 and proclaimed his policy of "glasnost," or openness.

Judging by the press before Gorbachev, "no calamities, no accidents, no disasters, no drug addiction existed in our countries," Viktor Afanasyev, who has been chief editor of the Communist Party daily Pravda for nearly 13 years, said in an

interview on the eve of the conference.

"We had a whole range of areas closed to criticism. Glasnost has opened these zones to us," he said — adding quickly, "within the bounds of socialism."

Soviet newspapers are still largely owned by party and government bodies, rather than existing as independent institutions. Their frequent exposes of social problems are in the service of the nation's leaders, who see openness about shortcomings as an essential part of Gorbachev's restructuring strategy.

Careful

As arms of the state and party, they remain unlikely to print serious arguments for dismantling of the nation's socialist system, and are still careful about reporting on sensitive topics.

Newspapers provided, only slow and cautious coverage of recent civil unrest in the Caucasus Mountains territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, for instance, though even those reports would have been impossible a decade ago. When the central government finally decided the

territory's future last week, all papers dutifully carried the full text of official statements on the matter.

One sign of rising public interest in the press, Afanasyev said, is a sharp increase in reader response. Readers' letters to Pravda, always at a high level, have risen in the past 12 months from 500,000 to 750,000 a year, he said.

In addition, Gorbachev and other leaders are meeting more frequently with journalists.

"It used to be that the bosses came, gave their orders, we agreed and they left," Afanasyev said. "Now, they listen to us."

Glasnost and "perestroika" — Gorbachev's programme to restructure Soviet society — have yet to reach some newsmen.

Skills

"Not all Soviet journalists, especially in the provinces, have been able to respond to the demands of perestroika and cover difficult issues because of a lack of professional skills," says Azab Ibrahimov, a lecturer at Moscow State University's Journalism School.

"They are not prepared for

hard times if they publish something controversial."

Other journalists, those dealing with international affairs, have also been slow to follow the new trends in the Soviet press, Bandura said.

"International affairs writers aren't ready for the big changes. Great abilities are needed to analyze world events," he said.

Controlled

Traditionally, foreign affairs writers have been the most tightly controlled in Soviet journalism, heavily briefed by authorities and often merely repeating in their commentaries the phrases of official communiques. Recent Soviet press questioning of Soviet actions in Afghanistan was a sensation, and followed up in other areas, and was almost certainly officially approved in advance.

To some Soviets, the new climate of journalistic openness is reminiscent of the late 1950s and early 1960s, when controls on the press were relaxed by Nikita Khrushchev, and of the 1920s, when some newspapers were published without government involvement.

Poland's Lenin Shipyard

By John Daniszewski

GDANSK, Poland, (AP): A shadow hangs over the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk, birthplace of the banned Solidarity Trade Union and once a showpiece of Polish industry.

The trouble this time is not labour unrest, but whether the state-owned yard will keep operating in the face of mounting credit problems and a government that says it is ready to start closing down financially ailing plants.

Solidarity activists discount the possibility that the yard would shut down, but management and representatives of official workers organizations hold it out as a real possibility.

A strike at the yard May 2-10, led by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, ended without a settlement. During the strike, management announced that it was unable to qualify for new state subsidies or credits from the National Bank, and said the yard's future would have to be decided by the Ministry of Industry.

"We are going on with production without a single zloty (less than a penny) in the cash box," the weekly newspaper Zycie Gospodarcze recently quoted shipyard director Czeslaw Tolwinski as saying. The newspaper described the yard as "a giant on partly rotten legs."

An agglomeration of docks, aging buildings and huge jointed cranes that tower above a series of Vistula River tributaries and

Workers wait for decision on future

canals near the heart of this centuries-old Baltic port city, the yard will produce 11 ships this year, down from the high of 27 in the late 1970s.

The number of workers has also dropped, with only 5,000 or so of the 10,000-member workforce involved in direct production.

Ironically, says yard foreign trade manager Ireneusz Kubicek, the yard could produce more ships and has customers clamoring for them. But a lack of manpower is preventing it from exploiting its physical capacity.

Since the strike, work has resumed with an air of uncertainty, said Jerzy Bukowicz, president of the worker's self-management council, whose job it is to help run the shipyard along with management.

Doubts

"The workers are full of doubts. We all know we are in a bad situation," he said. "So many workers worry about the prospects of being able to work here for a long time."

Kubicek said such worries are premature, but he did not dismiss them entirely.

"A final decision has not been made either way," he said. "We are at the same point as before and we are working in a normal way."

Whether the yard is profitable or money-losing is a debatable question, he said, because so much depends on arbitrarily set tax regulations, material costs and credit rates which fluctuate widely and are beyond the shipyard's control.

But in a sign of confidence, 11 hulls were launched this year in order to have work for next year, he said.

Strike

Officials say the strike cost 500,000 man-hours of labour which has to be made up by overtime and higher productivity. Workers got pay increases June 1, but management says they were planned before the walkout and cannot be credited to the strikers.

The increases were slightly higher than the 40 per cent raise the government said could be allowed in response to higher prices imposed this year. Pay now averages about 50,000 zlotys (\$11) a month and is structured to provide incentive for harder

workers, said Waldemar Langer, a leader of the yard's official trade union.

Despite the improvement, the yard's main trouble is that it cannot attract a sufficient workforce, said Kubicek.

"We have lost 5,000 workers from the early 1980s until now," he said. "It is our own near-tragedy. We have survived the most difficult years of the crisis in shipbuilding and now the market is reviving. And we have clients willing to place orders."

As an example, Kubicek cited a timber-carrying ship ordered by the Soviet Union. The yard has been able to contract to produce one of the vessels, while the Soviets need 150, he said.

The Soviet Union is by far the yard's biggest customer. A sign inside the facility says 575 out of 881 produced there have been for the Soviets.

With more workers the yard could nearly double production, Kubicek said.

Earn

But instead, workers are going to smaller private companies or co-operatives where they can work indoors, avoiding the harsh Baltic weather, and where they can earn more.

Operating in a "tight jacket" as a state-owned company, said Kubicek, the shipyard is unable to raise wages dramatically because it would be hit with a punitive tax designed to fight wage inflation. It is one example of how national economic policies have hurt the yard, he said.

Poland's frequently changing strategies to deal with its ailing economy have taken a toll on other ways, he said. "At least once a year, every year, we are confronted with a new set of regulations and modifications of these rules for economic reform, while our commitments extend out many years ahead."

"It makes it practically impossible to predict whether the contract we sign today, which seems to be profitable, will in fact be practical," he said.

One of the people who does not believe the yard will close is longtime Gdansk Solidarity activist Bogdan Borusewicz.

"The whole thing was played up for propaganda while the (May) strike was in progress," he said.

Fundamentalists say singing is sinful

By Sara El-Gammal

CAIRO, (Reuters): Egyptian hardline Muslim fundamentalists are prepared to use violence if necessary to persuade this nation of music-lovers that singing is sinful.

"Music is the singing of the devil," said Amira, a 25-year-old student. "Those who listen to it are atheists and those who enjoy it shall go to hell."

"Those fanatical groups are hitting at the heart of what Egyptians love — songs," sociologist Saad El Din Ibrahim told Reuters.

"They have overplayed their hand, and there is the beginning of a backlash," he said. "Egyptians cannot and will not tolerate fanaticism for long."

A student was killed in Assiut, southern Egypt, in March when fundamentalists armed with knives and chains clashed with police after attacking a university theatre for performing what they called a blasphemous play.

Others disrupted wedding parties and university concerts in Cairo, hitting guests and smashing musical instruments and

amplifiers.

The leading religious authority in this mainly Muslim country stepped into the fray this month, giving some consolation to both sides.

Sheikh Gad El Haq Ali Gad El Haq, rector of Cairo's Al Azhar University, ruled that music was not contrary to Islam provided songs were not obscene, did not encourage promiscuity, crime, or the use of drugs or alcohol.

He said there were no verses in the Holy Quran, or the hadith, the teachings of the Holy Prophet Mohammed, (PBUH), which directly prohibited songs or music.

Row

"But there are conditions for music and singing. Songs that oppose the teachings of Islam, which praise sinful acts and encourage them are forbidden," he said. "They must not be performed or heard."

A row over the role of Western culture in Egypt surfaced two years ago when Muslim hardliners set fire to theatres and video rental shops in Cairo because they showed plays and films they

regarded as immoral.

Fundamentalists insist on strict interpretation of Muslim teachings and want Egypt ruled under Islamic law.

Sociologist Ibrahim, who teaches at Cairo's American University, said violent splinter groups were swimming against the tide in a country that had long been a cradle of Arab culture and produced leading singers and composers of Arabic music.

Listen

Since civil war destroyed Beirut as an Arab playground, Cairo has attracted performers and fans from around the Arab world. Egyptian belly-dancers, visitors claim, rival Turkey's.

Ibrahim said fundamentalists were out of step with most Egyptians when they said singers Abdel-Halim Hafiz and Om Kolthoum were haram (forbidden).

"The bulk of Egyptians have liked their songs for years. They are part of their heritage," he said.

As many people listen to Abdel-Halim's ballads today in Egypt and other Arab countries

as they did before his death a decade ago.

And so popular was Om Kolthoum that huge crowds — some say a million people — turned out for her funeral in 1975. Her recordings are still big sellers.

After the incident in Assiut, which is known as a fundamentalist centre, leading comedian Adel Imam defied threats and performed at a theatre there.

Officials said there had been no performances in the theatre for five years for fear of clashes with hardliners.

Imam said he was showing fundamentalists he was not afraid of them. Hundreds of fans, protected by truckloads of riot police, came to the show in a gesture of support.

Refuse

But fundamentalists like Amira refuse to listen to music or songs, even if they are religious. She said hers was the view of Allah, his holy Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and religious scholars before us.

Others are not against music in principle but have strict rules for performances.

Newsletter tests tolerance in Cuba

By Gilles Trequesser

HAVANA, (Reuters): A newsletter on religion in Cuba, taking advantage of an apparent thaw in church-state relations, is timidly testing the communist government's tolerance of matters previously censored in the press.

"I want to fill the vacuum of news on religion here," said Enrique Lopez Oliva, editor of Religion in Cuba.

"It's not an opposition publication, just a very modest complementary one, on aspects of Cuban life that are underreported in the media."

The Cuban government does not tolerate opposition press and the state-run media generally regards the issue of religion as taboo, but there have been

indications in recent months that a slight opening may be taking place.

Lopez Oliva, a 51-year-old university history teacher, launched his venture last September, using a rented mimeograph. The purchase of a photocopier — a rare item in Cuba — enabled him to present a revamped, monthly product in May.

Cautious

Written in cautious prose, the newsletter offers stories on visits of church dignitaries to Cuba, interviews with church officials and reprints of articles on the church in Latin America.

A correspondent for a Lima-based Christian News Service, Lopez Oliva initially covered human rights issues extensively but lately coverage has been restricted to purely church matters,

referring to human rights only in a religious context.

His dozen subscribers include Western embassies and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Conference. One Western diplomat said the newsletter "puts things into perspective, keeps you up to date on church matters and it has no equivalent."

Monsignor Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, secretary-general of the Episcopal Conference, said the publication showed "a small opening" on the government's part towards the church.

A highly-placed clerical source said: "Every attempt to spread news on the Cuban church is welcome and must be encouraged." But he added that the government may be tolerating it as a ploy to improve its international

image.

"One is tempted to see it as no more than a cosmetic measure since, fundamentally, nothing has changed," he said.

"The church has not varied its position. Nor has the (Communist) Party, but it is slowly coming to terms with the fact that the church cannot be wiped out."

Without going as far as a Moscow-style glasnost in the press, western diplomats noted a relative opening of Cuban media this year toward new themes, religion being one of them.

The weekly supplement of the official Communist Party newspaper Granma has in recent months published articles on the Roman Catholic Church here. But Granma weekly is meant for a foreign audience and cannot be found at Cuban newsstands.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1646 — French troops aided by Swedish Army invade Bavaria.
- 1709 — British forces under Duke of Marlborough and Savoy's Prince Eugene defeat French at Tournai in Belgium.
- 1870 — Austria revokes Concordat with papacy after decree of papal infallibility.
- 1907 — Elections are held in Philippines for the first assembly.
- 1916 — German saboteurs blow up munitions plant on Black Top Island, near Jersey City, New Jersey, prior to US entry in World War I.
- 1922 — Nationalist forces capture Tipperary in Ireland from rebels.
- 1930 — Kurds stage uprising on Persian-Turkish frontier.
- 1948 — Hungarian leader Zoltan Tildy is forced to resign; amnesty is proclaimed in Philippines for Huk rebels but they refuse to comply.
- 1953 — Britain signs alliance with Libya.
- 1971 — US Apollo 15 astronauts David R. Scott and James B. Irwin land on Moon.
- 1972 — Soviet Union's Navy says it can detect and destroy enemy vessel anywhere in the world.
- 1974 — Greece, Turkey and Britain sign declaration for ceasefire agreement on Cyprus.
- 1976 — It is reported that at least 100,000 people have perished in earthquake in northeastern China that shattered the city of Dangsha (Tangshan).
- 1977 — Syrian soldiers of Arab League's peacekeeping force in Lebanon set up gun positions around two main Palestinian refugee camps to help control commandos.
- 1987 — Three thousand Indian peacekeeping troops land on rebel-dominated Jaffna peninsula in Sri Lanka to make certain Tamil rebels abide by Indian-mediated peace accord.

Busker overpowers charts

By Richard Cook

THE success of Tracy Chapman has electrified the music business. In another largely moribund year for rock music, this shy, rather awkward young woman has succeeded in overpowering the pop charts on both sides of the Atlantic with her debut album.

The nature of her music makes this even more extraordinary: shrewd, forceful songs delivered in the accents of a black folk singer, who was discovered busking in the streets of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Tracy Chapman is the closest thing one can find to a contemporary coffee-house folk record. It is the sort of set that would normally inspire a small, fanatical following and the occasional talk-show appearance. Instead, Chapman is selling records by the truckload.

Chapman was signed last year by Elektra, a label with a reputation of support for folkie troubadours — Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell, Tim Buckley. Her producer, David Kershenbaum, provided discreet embellishments for her voice and acoustic guitar: "Fast Car," her current single, is balanced between that spareness and the punch of a full rhythm section; "Behind The Wall" is sung in bald isolation.

Surpassed

Whatever Elektra hoped for, the results have far surpassed expectations. The album was released in April. It has entered the Billboard Top 10 in the United States, and it is also at the very top of the British charts.

In America, only Rick Astley's album has been a more successful debut this year. In US terms, the LP has already out-performed every previous release by Joan Armatrading, the singer to whom Chapman is regularly compared. She is the first woman ever to top the British LP charts with her first album. Some suggest that the precedent for Chapman's success was set last year by Suzanne Vega, whose Solitude Standing LP reopened the genre of light, confessional

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Tracy Chapman: seemingly unimpressed with her sudden success

groaning. But Chapman is not much like Vega, whose music is tailored to urbane tastes.

Why has Chapman been so successful? Her record company worked ferociously hard to build a press reaction early on. Her two solo appearances in March at the Donmar Warehouse broke the secret to most of the British Press. The LP climbed steadily to number 25. But the turning point undoubtedly came with her appearance at the televised Nelson Mandela birthday concert at Wembley.

Amid the jolly hubbaloos of that event, Chapman's performance had a cold, striking dignity. She chose to sing only the most severe of her songs for the occasion — the catalogue of social injustices in "Why?" the bitter, restrained clarion call of "Talkin' Bout A Revolution." She almost succeeded in silencing Wembley with "Behind The Wall." Since then the album has gone from sales of 50,000 to 100,000 a week, with a total now in excess of 300,000 qualifying her for a platinum disc.

"I think people see it as a genuine album," says Paul Conroy, British MD of WEA's US division. "Not one like, oh, we'll stick a couple of hits on one side and eight other tracks. There are some records which the public just seem to pick up on, where people's ears just tell them something is good. This is one of those."

The performer herself is painfully reticent when it comes to interviews, a problem she is only reluctantly overcoming. The impassiveness of her face hardens when she sings, only to fold up in a downcast, nervous smile when she hears the applause. In conversation, she seems unimpressed by the great things predicted for her: perhaps she was told, early on, not to expect too much. "There are people who've said that no one will listen to music like this. I don't know — I like what I'm doing."

Gravity

What's strange about this quiet 24-year-old is the bottomless gravity and iron gaze of her writing and performing. She is a singer with no personal history: "I played acoustic guitar by myself, learning to sing and eventually playing in the clubs and colleges in New England. Oh, it's full of colleges. And I played in the streets, in some space where I could hear myself, like doorways or little shelters."

Yet she has behind her an ageless tradition of young protest. Blacks have seldom mined the folk circuit in recent years, but the content and tenor of Chapman's music would not work in any other context. Perhaps some of her appeal comes from the vicarious fascination which first drew a white audience to the blues. For there is a disturbing sense of ancient rage at the root of Chapman's art. The wrathful timbre of her delivery seems to hark back to a pre-rock generation, to the faceless, forgotten singers of the country blues. She is not a blues singer, but it may be no coincidence that the photos on her album cover look like the faded sepia portraits of vocalists who made records 60 years ago in acoustic studios, long since swallowed in time.

Def Leppard retains top spot on US charts

NEW YORK, (AP): Def Leppard's hit Pour Some Sugar On Me stayed for the second week in a row as number one among best selling single pop records in the United States.

Roll With It by Steve Winwood climbed two notches to grab second place after being fourth last week on the Cash Box Magazine chart. Richard Marx Hold on to the Night remained unchanged in third position.

Hands to Heaven by Breathe jumped up three notches from last week to become the No. 5 record, while New Sensation by INXS slipped three spots to descend to eighth place.

The sole newcomer to the top 10 was Gloria Estefan's One Two-Three, hoping to ninth position from No. 13.

George Strait took over the top of the Cash Box Magazine country-western singles chart with Baby Blue. Reba McEntire was second with Sunday Kind of Love, and Don't We All Have the Rights by Ricky Van Shelton was third.

Top Ten US

The 10 top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Pour Some Sugar on Me — Def Leppard (Mercury-Polygram)
- (2) Roll With It — Steve Winwood (Virgin)
- (3) Hold on to the Night — Richard Marx (EMI-Manhattan)
- (4) The Flame — Cheap Trick (Epic)
- (5) Hands to Heaven — Breathe (A-and-M)
- (6) Sign Your Name — Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia)
- (7) Make Me Lose Control — Eric Carmen (Arista)
- (8) New Sensation — INXS (Atlantic)
- (9) One Two-Three — Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (Epic)
- (10) Rush Hour — Jane Wiedlin (EMI-Manhattan)

The 10 top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Baby — Blue — George Strait (MCA)

Strait (MCA)

2. (5) Sunday Kind of Love — Reba McEntire (MCA).

3. (1) Don't We All Have the Right — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).

4. (8) Bluest Eyes in Texas — Restless Heart (RCA).

5. (7) Don't Close Your Eyes — Keith Whitley (RCA).

6. (2) Talkin' to the Wrong Man — Michael Martin Murphey (with Ryan Murphy) (Warner Brothers).

7. (10) I'm Gonna Love Her on the Radio — Charley Pride (16th Avenue).

8. (11) The Wanderer — Eddie Rabbitt (RCA).

9. (4) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).

10. (13) I'll Give You All My Love Tonight — The Bellamy Brothers (MCA-Curb).

And in London, Glenn Medeiros continued to hold the top spot with Nothing's Gonna Change My Love in a British pop singles chart whose top two hits remained unchanged from last week.

Push It, by female rap duo Salt 'n' Pepa kept second place,

while Everything but the Girl by I Don't Want To Talk About It went from 4th to 3rd place.

Here are this week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

Top Ten UK

1. (1) Nothing's Gonna Change My Love — Glenn Medeiros (London).

2. (2) Push It — Salt 'n' Pepa (FFRR).

3. (4) Everything but the Girl — I Don't Want To Talk About It (Blanco y Negro).

4. (10) I Want Your Love — Transvision Vamp (MCA).

5. (8) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic).

6. (3) Roses are Red — Mac Band — McCampbell Bros (MCA).

7. (6) Fast Car — Tracy Chapman (Elektra).

8. (X) Superfly Guy — S-Express (Mute).

9. (5) The Twist — Fat Boys and Chubby Checker (Urban).

10. (X) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (WEA).

By David Sinclair

JOAN Armatrading has quietly become one of Britain's most assured and sophisticated performers, a standing which will be bolstered by The Shouting State, her first release since 1986's Slight Of Hand. Intriguingly the collection rides on the contributions of top-notch players such as Mark Knopfler, Mark Brzezicki and Pino Palladino.

Lyrically, however, her womanly observations on the battles that attend the deepest of interpersonal relationships are stated with a scrupulous and stark lack of subtlety which some may find uncomfortable. Life's emotional mysteries are usually best illustrated by lyrics that incorporate ambiguous elements of colour and shade, but the perspective suffers when such delicate matters are illuminated by the full glare of a fluorescent light.

Big Audio Dynamite has begun to look like a group with a great future behind it. The

Record reviews

once innovative use of beatbox technology and the witty inserts of found sounds which characterized the early records have become commonplace, and accordingly Tighten Up Vol. 88 is a return to basics. But even allowing for the absence of all those bustling, street-wise effects, and the lack of any hi-tech production, this is an al-



Joan Armatrading: assured and sophisticated performer

mingly twee collection. Jones's anaemic voice brushes like a feather duster over the awkward tangles of words. The band sounds pooped, and manages to keep only the most lethargic grip on undemanding pop songs like "Funny Names", "Appreciate" and "Hip Neck And Thigh".

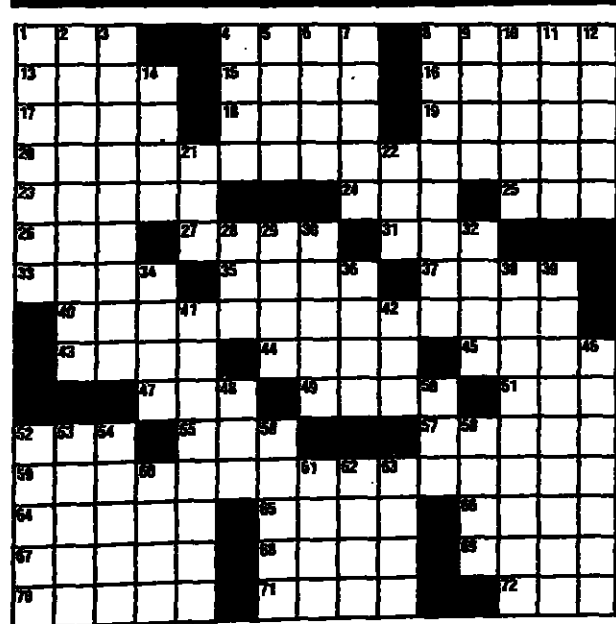
Still, at least it doesn't suffer from the overwhelming vacuity which distinguishes Billy Idol's Idol Songs — 11 Of The Best. Idol, who used to be the singer in Generation X, turned out to be the biggest star which the punk movement produced. The reasons are all here — "Rebel Yell", "White Wedding", "Money Money", "Hot In The City", "Eyes Without A Face" and others — but for the most part he tackles his work with all the suave assurance and lack of depth one might expect from a man who is really a spiky-haired mutation of Shakin' Stevens.



Billy Idol: spiky-haired mutation of Shakin' Stevens?

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 - "Wish" — "I" — here
 - Pro TV in Brit.
 - "Him in Paris": 1937
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 - Recipe direction
 - Recorded proceedings
 - Guinness
 - Title for 45 Across
 - Franklin filer
 - A Gershwin
 - Rhine feeder
 - de deux
 - Hues
 - Verbal miscue
 - Dieter's fare
 - Eternal City
 - Ear. Comb. form
 - Betel palm
 - Friend, in France
 - Captured.
- DOWN**
- long ago
 - Part of DSM
 - Tuesday of NYC
 - Dental deg.
 - Expression of annoyance
 - Future explosive matters
 - Puts in plain words
 - Castor to Pollux
 - Make over
 - One kind of will
 - Brouhaha
 - Assumptions
 - Corno or Maggione
 - "...because he was — post..."
 - Blake
 - Grinders, e.g.
 - Left's neighbors
 - Cigar end?
 - Nettle
 - Bad Ems, for one
 - de Oro
 - Island near Mull
 - Wall Street unit
 - Nazimova
 - "How sweet"
 - Not pro
 - Speaking two languages
 - Like a photo lens
 - Three-legged
 - Devour
 - Paint binders
 - WW II heroes
 - Ike's command
 - State in NE India
 - Andron, in Roma
 - Got one's goat
 - Hat material
 - the beginning
 - South American rodent
 - Native land
 - Biographer Ludwig
 - off

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

LAGUET CHAIRADE
ISOLATE NAMADIAN
REVISES ALIMENT
AME EATEN TONER
REDDOGS RYN
ERST NICE SCAT
SETTOS SAFE OLE
STOUMER DELIVER
ERR OVIS RICERS
SOYA EGAD ARTE
DON RULING
SENIOR FANON TGL
ITERATE BISTROS
GREETED AREGLAE
HERDERS RETASTE

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ONE FOR THE MOYSIAN FIT

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ A 4
♣ A K Q 2

WEST
♠ 5 2
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ Q 10 8 7 6 2
♣ 8

EAST
♠ K J 9 8
♥ 10 9
♦ J 9
♣ J 10 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 3
♥ A Q J 3
♦ K 5 3
♣ 9 7 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

A seventeen-year-old New Yorker, Brad Moss, became one of the youngest players to win a national title when he and his partner, Aaron Silverstein, also of New York, captured the Flight B Grand National Pairs at the Spring North American Championships, held in Buffalo. This hand, from the final session of the event, carried them to the title.

The power of the 4-3 fit was vigorously espoused by the late Al-

phonse "Sonny" Moyses, and has become known as the Moysian fit. North-South were using a 15-17 point range for their one no trump opening bids. North's two clubs was Stayman, looking for a four-card spade suit in his partner's hand, and four no trump was a quantitative no trump raise, not Blackwood. South's five hearts conditionally accepted the slam invitation and showed a concentration of heart honors, and North opted for the suit slam on the known 4-3 fit because of his ruffing value in diamonds.

Moss won the opening lead in dummy, cashed the king of hearts and ace of diamonds, then drew a second round of trumps with the ace, to which both defenders followed. After cashing the king of diamonds, declarer ruffed a diamond with dummy's last trump as East discarded a club.

A winning spade finesse put declarer in hand to draw the last two trumps, on which he discarded spades from dummy. East could safely part with a spade on the first round of trumps, but the last trump caused him grievous harm. He knew he could not let go of a club, so he tried a spade. Declarer's three of spades became an overtrick for all the matchpoints.

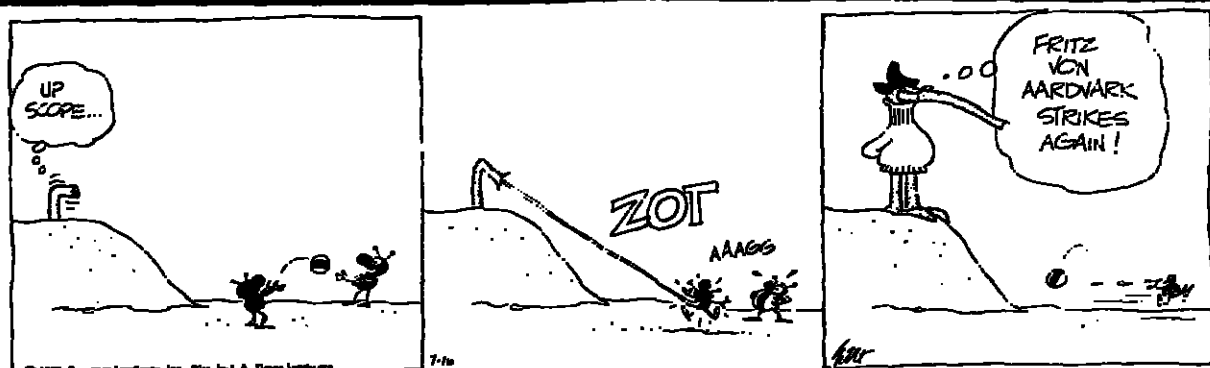
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Your prospects are good only you must not allow your attention to wander. You will find it difficult to choose between two almost equally attractive alternatives. Watch your diet. Be sincere.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be able to glean a lot by listening closely to what others are saying. Do not try to rush things but should you be lethargic. Have a little more patience. Be tolerant.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to seize hold of a good opportunity but you must not linger. You should make sure you meet your present commitments before accepting any new ones. Avoid giving away something told to you in confidence. Be cordial.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The influences are mixed and you would be wrong to do anything too out of the ordinary just now. You should try to maintain a steady rhythm rather than doing things by stops and starts.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The prospects are preventably good but you must avoid doing anything foolish. You will be able to make up an old quarrel. Avoid spending money as though there were no tomorrow. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will feel a little out of sorts and should try to have a relaxing day. At first you will be rather unsure of yourself but later it will become clearer. You should try having a good laugh. Be resilient.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have to make sure you do not have too fast or far without a break. Be firm.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not allow yourself to be intimidated but you should listen to reason. You will be able to get a lot done. The prospects for the future are good but you must not get things out of proportion. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The moon's better influence will help you to avoid giving too much emphasis to gloomy thoughts. A small matter is going to take up more of your time than you thought necessary. Allow others to have their say and respect their opinion.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should not allow yourself to be intimidated but you should listen to reason. You will be able to get a lot done. The prospects for the future are good but you must not get things out of proportion. Be moderate.



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

By Kenneth Rose

Battle royal

The saga of Edward VIII's abdication and the bitterness it provoked continue with a new book chronicling the estrangement of the duke and his brother King George VI.



United in happier days: the Duke of Windsor with his brother the Duke of York (left).

WITHIN months of his Abdication, the Duke of Windsor had begun to brood over the injustices inflicted on him, as he supposed, by an inexperienced monarch and a vindictive court. They continued to embitter him until his death 35 years later.

The first grievance was a reduction in the annual allowance promised him by his brother King George VI as part of the Abdication settlement.

The second was a threat to withhold this pension unless the Duke agreed never to return to England without the permission of the Government. The third was the denial to the Duchess of Windsor of the style of Royal Highness borne by her husband. The fourth was the refusal of the King and Queen to offer her so much as a handshake or a cup of tea.

Michael Bloch, an assistant to the Duchess of Windsor's formidable lawyer, Maitre Blum, has already written three books based on the Duke's private papers. Under the catchpenny title *The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor*, he now examines this portrayed royal feud, a chronicle from which nobody emerges with much credit. To familiar material about the Windsors he adds extracts from the Duke's unpublished correspondence with his wife, his estranged brother, his legal advisers and his much-tried friend Sir Winston Churchill.

Well presented and moderate in tone, his commentary is likely to evoke a measure of sympathy for the Windsors. But here we read only one side of the argument.

Philip Ziegler's forthcoming biography of Edward VIII, authorised by the Queen and making use of the Royal Archives, may present a very different Windsor tapestry.

The genesis of the quarrel lay in an agreement signed on the eve of the Abdication by which the new King agreed to pay the old an allowance of £25,000 a year: rather more than £600,000 a year: rather more than £600,000 in the currency of 1988. In return the Duke of Windsor (as he was about to become) promised to surrender to George VI his life interest in Sandringham and Balmoral, together with their contents, all of which he had inherited from his father a year earlier.

Hasty. This hasty compact was subsequently altered in two ways: both to the Duke's disadvantage. He was required to bear part of the pensions paid to retainers on the private estates, thus reducing his allowance from £25,000 to £21,000. And the Government, although contributing nothing directly to the Duke's annuity, persuaded the King to attach a

condition to it: that the Duke must not return to England without permission.

It is beyond dispute that King George VI had unilaterally broken the agreement of December 1936, albeit under pressure from his Government. Yet there were other factors to be weighed in the balance.

During the original negotiations, the Duke had told his brother that he was "very badly off". In fact he had investments worth not less than £800,000 (£20 million in 1988), mostly saved out of his Duchy of Cornwall revenues.

In any case, many of the Duke's former subjects felt that neither Crown nor country owed a penny to the man who had abandoned his hereditary duty and imperilled the monarchy in pursuit of love.

The Duke was on surer ground in resisting the demand that payment of his allowance should depend on his living abroad. And the future Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, Colin

Pearson, wrote an opinion declaring that the imposition of exile was contrary to Magna Carta.

But here again there is another side to the argument. It was the Duke's lawyer and friend Walter Monckton, who recognised his client as "an attractive, vital creature", a potential rallying point for those critical of a new King "less superficially endowed with the arts and graces that please".

Discouraged

It is true that the Duke discouraged all attempts to form a political party dedicated to the King over the water. But his overt tenderness for the Dictator and his deflation in 1940 were flaws of character and judgement that in retrospect justified his brother's caution. After an acrimonious exchange of letters, during which the Duke threatened to have the King and his family evicted from Sandringham and Balmoral, he was obliged to submit.

Neither King nor Government ever needed to invoke this financial penalty. From 1939 to 1945 the Duke was serving abroad, first as a liaison officer in France, then as Governor of the Bahamas.

After the war he was deterred from living in England by three other circumstances. The British Government, unlike the French, would have required him to pay the full rate of income tax and surtax.

The King broke an oral promise, said by the Duke to have been made at the time of the Abdication, that he could retain the use of Fort Belvedere. And his wife was denied the style of Royal Highness.

This celebrated snub was inflicted by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, an instrument of government requiring ministerial advice; whatever the King's feelings on the matter, he was thus absolved from responsibility.

The future Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, Lord Devlin, asked by the Duke to give an opinion, declared that it was based on a technical illegality. For the official announcement maintained that King Edward VIII had lost all right to the style of Royal Highness on Abdication; and that this style was now being graciously restored to him — but not to his wife.

Yet the Duke of Windsor was, and remained, the son of a King; and it was as His Royal Highness that George VI had referred publicly to his brother at the outset of his reign. Devlin's commentary continues:

It was meant in that it was a poor return for Edward VIII's decision not to fight for his crown in 1936. It was absurd in that a government which had advised the King he could not make a monogamous marriage was now legislating to make monogamous the marriage which he did make.

The ruling was intended to wound, and succeeded. "This cold-blooded act," the Duke wrote 30 years later, "in its uprush represented a kind of Berlin wall alienating us from my family."

It also evoked displays of pettiness in high places that seem scarcely credible. Two days after the Fall of France in 1940, with Nazi barbarians at the gate and Britain braced for invasion, the King's private secretary was not too busy to admonish the Foreign Office.

The King, he wrote, had noted with extreme displeasure that a telegram had referred to the Duke and Duchess as "Their Royal Highnesses". This appellation, the private secretary continued, was false and utterly impermissible, and such an error must never be made again.

He would have been better employed filling sandbags. The *Secret File of the Duke of Windsor* by Michael Bloch. Bantam Press, 326 pp, £14.95.

Unflattering portrait of Picasso

By Richard Heller

AMERICA is still the place to make several million dollars. The latest method is to select a great artist who cannot bring a libel action because he is safely dead.

Then use gutter press techniques to assemble every possible unpleasant fact about him.

Put it all into a book heavy on sex and violence and light on art analysis (which would only confuse folk) and you have a best-seller, a newspaper serialisation and a TV mini-series to boot.

Mrs Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington has applied this treatment to Picasso.

Her book is trash-can journalism dressed up as intellectual history, a grubby mac posing as haute couture.

Modes

It is called *Picasso: Creator and Destroyer*.

A more accurate title for the work, which Weidenfeld published at £14.95, would be 20 Amazing Facts You Did Not Know About The Bonking Brushman of Sex-en-Provence.

Arianna is a lady to be much admired. Now 37, she has parlayed a modest talent to please into a multi-million dollar industry.

The daughter of a Greek businessman, she is the Sir Edmund Hillary of Social Climbing on two continents. Base Camp was Cambridge University where she became President of the Union. Stepping stones were romances with the fringe famous.

And when she failed to woo British viewers as an incompensable TV chat show hostess, she fled to America where, as it was said of someone else, she rose without trace.

Finally, in 1986 she married Mr Huffington, a Texan oil multi-millionaire.

To sustain her implausible image as a savante she needs to write books, and they need to be successful because nothing Arianna does can possibly be anything else!

Now, anyone is allowed to write a bad and destructive book. But there are three extra reasons for disliking this one.

Firstly, it is another example of the modern "package" with book, newspaper serialisation and TV rights tied up in advance and so, inevitably, becoming not a book but "product" subject to the usual hype and tripe.

Secondly, it confirms the trend in which anything a



Mrs Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington and (inset) her subject Pablo Picasso

public person has ever done or said may be hung out for money.

Thirdly, it joins the 20th century industry of turning its few heroes into monsters — in this case aiming to destroy the artist and offering nothing in his place.

The silly hype accompanying this book has suggested it made collectors unload their Picassos.

More offensive is the author's breathless claim to have discovered the excitement of an intimate relationship with Picasso.

This is impertinence. Mrs Huffington never met Picasso.

Knowing this to be so, the whole book has the quality of Kiss-and-tell memoirs without even an authentic kiss.

Mrs Huffington, from her comfortable study, has employed all the techniques of

seedy journalists hiding in the shrubbery to produce "revelations" about showbiz stars. She has dredged all the available printed evidence, such as that of his sad late life trying to escape senility by reverting to a schoolboy's smutty obsession with sex.

Obvious

And she has taken tales from everyone who has it in for Picasso, especially abandoned wives or lovers like the one who told of being burned by the end of his cigarette.

Thankfully, Mrs Huffington cannot make us forget the Picasso of the Blue Period, of the Pink Period, of Cubism.

Her trite, windy and (wisely) rare attempts at artistic judgments make it obvious that to dent his place as one of the giants of the 20th century is beyond her powers. But they

leave the world a little poorer. There are so many people around who deserve neither privacy nor mercy. Such men put Arianna's father in a concentration camp for organising anti-Nazi literature.

Despots, criminals, political or financial tyrants... these are the people who should be turned over to torn apart.

But let us spare the artists. The world has too few of them already.

By Hilary Spurling

SYLVIA BEACH of Shakespeare & Co, who cultivated literary men and "always made a point of inviting Mrs Joyce", was not such a fool as to underestimate Nora Joyce. Nor was Joyce himself. But admirers in his lifetime and since have habitually patronised Nora, and pitted the master for being yoked to a semi-literate Galway chambermaid who never read his books.

Joyce approved of uneducated wives, and was pleased to find one who cared not "a rambling damn" about art. But his fans in later life criticised her extravagance, untidiness, philistinism, even her cooking and her looks: "... a vulgar, rather loose mouth; not very intelligent looking," wrote Thomas Wolfe in 1926, speaking for generations of American scholars who have found her wanting in pretty well every desirable quality.

Reckless

The case for the defence cannot have been easy to make. The Joyces were seldom apart, and letters in any case do not easily convey what Brenda Maddox calls "a settled love and sexual compatibility". The Joyces' union (marriage was against his principles for the first 27 years) revolved in its early years around their large appetites in bed and at table, their joint financial recklessness, their delight in their children and their enthusiastic mutual talent for pornography.

Published accounts have inevitably played down this

Fruitful union

A biography of Nora Joyce examines the hitherto unrecognised contribution of James Joyce's wife to his literary success.

field of domestic and sexual activity. Joyce's most distinguished biographer, the late American scholar Richard Ellmann, discouraged Mrs Maddox's initial interest in Nora on the grounds that "There is nothing to say." In his official capacity he also dismissed the famous "dirty letters", written by Nora to her husband at his request, in a single discreet sentence.

This is perhaps the most striking point at issue between Mrs Joyce and this new biography. Nora emerges as not much more than a shadow from Ellmann's magisterial work, which is dominated by the intense, ruthless, gruelling intellectual and imaginative effort required to write *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake*, and the scarcely less strenuous administrative effort needed to publicise and finance them.

Generosity

Joyce's private life seemed in Ellmann's book a relatively desiccated affair, sustained by a good-hearted but insignificant wife. There was barely a hint of what Mrs Maddox sees as the unreserved emotional generosity on which Joyce drew to fund his heroic concentration. That concentration, viewed from this unfamiliar angle,

becomes a draining, malignant force, constantly threatening to engulf Nora and their two children. They lived from hand to mouth in Continental lodging houses, hotels and rented apartments. Joyce required at all times his family's sole attention.

Whenever they showed signs of putting down roots, making independent friends, becoming too proficient in the local language, he switched them to fresh digs in yet another foreign city. Restless, half-educated, itinerant, without resources or prospects, the Joyce children proved no match for their father, succumbing in the end to alcoholism and madness respectively.

Only Nora stood up to him. She was "his portable Ireland", and also from the start his portable laboratory. He relied on her for a rich and inventive supply of imagery. He also required her increasingly to stage his sexual scenarios, "much as a painter might compose a scene in his studio with live models."

The obscene letters were aids in the first place to masturbation, in the second to literary composition. Nora indulged him in his coarsest as well as his most wildly romantic imagin-

ings, tolerating his endless jealousy of her childhood sweethearts as well as the persecution fantasies over non-existent lovers which he tried in vain to persuade her to act out in fact.

She played Desdemona to his combined Iago and Othello with patience and dignity. "He had a need to feel deceived..." writes Mrs Maddox. "For which literature is the richer."

Anyone less robust than his wife might have felt she paid too heavy a price for literature's sake. Refusing to read his books seems, in this context, a measure of elementary self-defence.

Besides, in a sense she wrote them herself. Mrs Maddox shows in persuasive detail that Joyce meant it literally when he said that anything he might achieve could only be written at the doors of her heart. "Guide me, my saint, my angel. Lead me forward," he wrote in 1909. "Take me into your soul of souls and I will become indeed the poet of my race."

So he did. But at a cost totted up for the first time in this remarkable portrait of what must be one of the strangest, most fruitful, evenly matched, and in the end for both parties most thoroughly satisfactory of literary marriages. Mrs Maddox's Nora augurs well for the prospects of all the neglected, despised and downtrodden Mrs Joyces of history about whom until now there has seemed to be nothing to say.

Nora: A Biography of Nora Joyce. By Brenda Maddox. Hamish Hamilton, £16.95.

Blowing the lid off Stalin's excesses

By Brian Brunley

PEREDELKINO, USSR. (AP): Anatoly Naumovich Rybakov, still energetic at 77, jumped up and pulled a bundle of papers from one of the shelves that line the study of his dacha in the forested writers' colony outside Moscow.

Carefully, lovingly, the great novelist laid the bundle on the desk next to the window, untied the string and pulled out two covers of the largest Soviet literary magazine, "Novy Mir," one from 1966 and the other from 1978.

In the soft light, Rybakov held up first one and then the other of the blue sheets of stiff paper, tracing with his gnarled finger the underlined announcements that the journal would soon publish *Children of the*

Arbat, his novel of the great terror waged by dictator Josef V. Stalin in the 1930s.

But both times, in 1966 and 1978, the publication was ultimately blocked by the men in the Kremlin, men who rose to power under Stalin and feared that exposure of past crimes would shatter the power and privilege they spent their lives building.

Now, Rybakov's patience paid off, for his novel is helping change the way the Soviet people think about their government and their country.

More than 21 years after it was written, *Children of the Arbat* was published last year in the literary journal "Druzha Narodov" (Friendship of Peoples), as part of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign to reform the tyrannical system

created by Stalin.

The novel has since appeared in hardback editions, and been published abroad.

The book probes more deeply than any other published in the Soviet Union into Stalin's mind and methods, the pettiness of his victims and the terror he created.

It tells the story of Sasha Pankratov, a young man of 23 who, like Rybakov, was sentenced without trial for a crime he never committed and sent to Siberia for three years of cold and lonely exile.

Rybakov is now at work on the sequel, 1935 and Other Years, which will continue the story, and like *Children of the Arbat*, will give intimate portraits of Stalin and his lieutenants and describe how the dictator terrorised his deputies

and the country.

"The entire nation lived in fear," said Rybakov. "Only one person thought for himself. Everyone else abandoned free thought."

Gorbachev and his supporters have concluded that a nation based on such a system cannot survive in the technological age. Gorbachev has said that these days, "Every person must be an individual, a free thinker. When a person lives in fear, all that is impossible."

The Soviet Union has already taken the first steps on a long road toward easing the climate of fear, and Rybakov and others are trying to hurry it along.

During the years Rybakov waited for his novel to appear, he lived and worked at his peaceful dacha at Peredelkino,

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

CHILDREN DO NOT OUTGROW 'CROSSED EYES'

QUESTION: Will my child outgrow "crossed eyes"?

ANSWER: A loud "no" should be heard by all parents. Waiting for this to happen can mean serious vision loss to the child. I'm not talking about the normal infant eye that frequently may seem to move about and be unco-ordinated. The tracking system sets the eyes straight by 4 to 6 months. But after that time, if the baby's eyes turn in, out, up to down, it is vital to see an eye specialist for diagnosis. If you take a wait-and-see outlook, the baby might miss a crucial part of visual development. Recent findings show that good early vision is essential to normal visual development and once this visual development is missed, it cannot be regained. Strabismus, as the turned eye condition is called, can cause double vision. The child shuts off vision in one eye so that the vision seen with the remaining eye is clear. The unused eye and the brain don't get the proper stimulation and development and after a while that "weaker" eye goes blind or is severely visually impaired.

If you notice a turn in the eye and bring the child to be checked by an eye doctor, the physician will perform certain tests and

explain ways to correct the condition. The goals are to achieve good vision in each eye, enable the eyes to move together and appear straight and to develop binocular vision, where both eyes see one image. The child may be fitted with glasses or contact lenses. The strong eye may be patched so that the other eye will be forced to develop. An orthoptist, a person trained in the use of exercises for this condition, may be called in to work with the child under the doctor's supervision. In some cases, surgery may be necessary to straighten the eye so it can look and see better. Many surgeons feel the best results are achieved when surgery is performed within the first two years of life. It is a relatively simple mechanical operation. The surgeon moves one of the muscles that hold the eye and repositions it so it doesn't pull the eye too strongly or move the eye too weakly.

The reason some people believed that a child may outgrow crossed eyes is because, in some cases, the crossed eyes were not the result of a true strabismus condition. The infant looked like the eyes were crossed because there might have been a temporary

paralysis of the nerve or muscle, caused by almost any of the childhood immunizations, viruses or inflammations. When the temporary paralysis went away, the eye position returned to normal.

QUESTION: Sometimes when I jog or run, I get sudden sharp pain, usually under my ribs. People around here call it a "stitch." What is it and is it dangerous?

ANSWER: People around here call it "a stitch" also. Actually it's a muscle cramp in the large muscle we call the diaphragm. The diaphragm is the muscle that contracts each time we breathe and is located under the ribs, between the chest and the abdomen. When some of the muscle fibres that make up the diaphragm contract too tightly (spasm), it creates the pain. The same thing can happen to the muscles between each rib. The solution to the problem lies in stretching the cramp out, putting the fibres back in order. Usually you can accomplish this by bending over from the waist and touching your toes with your outstretched fingers. Hold the position for a second or two, and "rock" a little and the pain should subside.

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By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Pressure eases for further rise in UK rates

LONDON, July 29: Pressure for higher base interest rates in the UK has eased significantly, and most analysts now expect them to hold at 10 1/2 per cent for several weeks, according to the Wall Street Journal.

A strong performance by the pound and indications that the government is fairly relaxed about the currency's strength are the main factors that have shifted sentiment from early last week, when forecasts of rates reaching 11 per cent were widespread.

"While the pound is rising, there isn't going to be too much pressure for the government to raise base rates," says David Walton, an economist at Goldman Sachs International.

At the same time, though, some upward pressure on rates is likely to remain as most indicators still show strong underlying inflation.

"The authorities will, therefore, not know whether the existing stance of policy is sufficiently tight to combat inflationary pressures," indicate economists at Greenwell Montagu & Co. in their latest economic summary.

Analysts Thus, analysts suggest, a lot will depend on how the pound fares. If it stays strong, rates are more likely to stay steady. But if the pound falls, then the government will have scope to tighten policy further if it thinks that is needed.

"The government would like things to calm down for a while. But the question is whether the markets will let them do that," says Glenn Davies, senior economist at CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank.

On Thursday, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson made it clear that rates remain the only weapon the government will use to combat inflation, and that he is prepared to continue raising them if necessary.

Faster His comments were seen as particularly significant as they came soon after an explicit backing of his policies by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. So, while Lawson's authority may have been reasserted, it isn't clear if he is ready to start using it to raise rates again soon.

During last week, new money supply data for May showed that private-sector lending is growing even faster than expected. But analysts expect this to slow in coming months now that major building societies have raised their mortgage rates to 11.5 per cent.

Mexico to cut its oil exports

MEXICO CITY, July 29: (OPECNA) Mexico will cut its crude exports by 25,000 BPD in an effort to curb the decline in oil prices, according to a senior official of Pemex, the state oil company.

Pemex sales director Raul Segura said his company planned to increase sales of high-quality petroleum products to set off the decrease in oil revenues resulting from the cut.

He added that the petroleum products would include high-octane unleaded gasoline and low-sulphur diesel fuel.

Mexico, a non-OPEC oil producing country, has been a staunch supporter of the OPEC's continuing efforts to curb production and strengthen prices.

S. Korean exports on the rise

Economy struggles to cope with success

SEOUL, July 29: (Reuters) Economists liken South Korea to a teenager who has grown up too fast and is being forced to take on unwanted responsibility. It is being told to do many of the things the US has already done in Japan — open up its markets, liberalise trade — but at a much earlier stage in its development.

Although it is defiantly proud of its rapid rise into the world's 12th largest trading nation, South Korea still lacks confidence in its ability to take on the added responsibility.

"There's a bantam cock approach," said John Duthie, manager in Korea for Deutsche Bank. But they still "have a terrible inferiority complex."

Control Government technocrats, after years of running the economy as virtually their own fiefdom, are gradually, and at times reluctantly, loosening their control as Seoul develops an economic democracy to go along with its new political climate.

The rapid growth of recent years has meant that some sec-

Subroto expects oil prices rise over coming weeks

UAE committed to OPEC accords

ABU DHABI, July 29, (AP): OPEC secretary-general Subroto was quoted today as saying he expected an oil price increase over the coming weeks because of the possibility of an end to the Iraq-Iran war.

The statements by Subroto, who heads the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, were published in the UAE newspaper Al Itihad.

Subroto was in the UAE on a two-day visit for discussions on the oil market situation with its leaders ahead of the OPEC five-panel pricing committee meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland on Aug 3.

The state-run Al Itihad quoted Subroto as saying that the world market "looks forward to positive results" from the pricing committee. It said he expressed his expectation of an increase in oil prices over the coming weeks.

In Subroto's view, according to the paper, the prices have been improving because of the prospects of a peaceful end to the nearly 8-year-old Iraq-Iran war. That settlement would lead to a "positive impact" on the oil market and oil prices, the paper further quoted Subroto as saying.

But it said he could not predict whether prices would increase beyond the OPEC benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

He said a report was being prepared on reorganisation of the OPEC framework and that the report would be submitted to the ministerial council of the organisation at its bi-annual meeting in November, according to Al Itihad. But there was no elaboration on this score.

Subroto was in Saudi Arabia before coming to the UAE as part of a tour of OPEC member states aimed at acquiring

assurances about adherence to the organisation's production quotas so as to help stabilise world oil prices around the \$18 benchmark.

Because of the Iraq-Iran war, Iraq has refused to accept its OPEC-decreed quota and produces almost double what is assigned, while Iran is widely accused of discounting prices to market its crude oil under the war-time conditions.

That could change if the war came to an end, hence the hopes by Subroto and others who say that the prices could rise.

Other OPEC member states are also accused of violating production and pricing rules of the organisation.

Responsible The UAE was held responsible for a price decrease in June after it served notice that it will ignore its OPEC oil production quota of 948,000 barrels and produce

about 50 per cent more as it considered its "fair" quota should be 1.5 million barrels per day.

Oil sources here said that Subroto was seeking a compromise regarding the UAE claim.

Subroto has conferred with UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Otaiba and with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to whom he delivered a message from the OPEC president and Nigerian Oil Minister, Rikman Lukman.

The official Emirates news agency WAM reported after the meetings on Thursday that Sheikh Zayed affirmed his nation's support for "unity and cohesion" within the organisation and noted that his country "has always been at the forefront for boosting OPEC decisions and supporting the stability of the oil market."

The WAM report did not

specifically address the controversial issue of UAE oil production, but indicated that the UAE will not undermine the organisation by adopting unilateral decisions within the 13-nation organisation before the full-scale bi-annual ministerial meeting in November.

Subroto also told Al Itihad that Sheikh Zayed affirmed to him the UAE's "support and consolidation" of OPEC. He said he was submitting a report to the pricing committee on his talks in the UAE as well as Saudi Arabia and that the Lausanne meeting would also discuss the UAE quota request.

The pricing committee, whose members are oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Algeria and Venezuela, was meeting in wake of the Iranian decision to accept a UN Security Council cease-fire resolution to its war with Iraq.

World Business Summary

EEC ministers hold talks on unified market

ATHENS, Greece, July 29, (AP): The European Economic Community opened talks here today on streamlining company law in preparation for 1992, when the 12-nation trade bloc becomes a unified market.

Commerce ministers from the EEC states, holding a one-day meeting in Athens, also were expected to discuss legislation for mergers in the Community, food standards and setting up a Community-wide trademark. It was the first meeting on 1992 issues to be held in Greece, which took over the rotating Community presidency for six months from July 1. The EEC-member states must approve around 350 special directives setting the legal framework for the single market, when business and trade barriers between Community countries will be removed. So far, more than 90 directives have been finalised and Greece says it will push through another 30 during its presidency. The company law directive will smooth out differences between existing national legislation in EEC countries so that firms can be more easily incorporated across the Community. Several EEC countries — Britain, Spain and the Netherlands — have been shortlisted for a European trademark centre to regulate standards for Community products. Diplomats said no decisions would be taken at today's meeting but that the commerce ministers would prepare guidelines for approval later.

Import prices surge 2.7pc

WASHINGTON, July 29, (AP): The price of imported goods, one of the main inflationary yardsticks in the US economy, rose 2.7 per cent in the April-June quarter, the largest increase in more than a year, the government reported. The Labour Department said the second quarter rise followed a 1.2 per cent increase in the January-March period and was the steepest since the 4.1 per cent jump in the first three months of 1987, which was attributed almost entirely to rising crude oil prices. Higher oil prices were also a significant contributor to the second quarter gain this year. Imported fuel and related products jumped 6.7 per cent from the first quarter. However, over the past year, they were down 12.7 per cent. Excluding the effects of the jump in imported oil, second quarter prices rose 2.3 per cent, in line with the average quarterly increase over the last three years. Sharp rises in metals and natural rubber led the climb. Iron and steel prices soared 35 per cent in the second quarter, while other metals rose 16.5 per cent. The price of imported nickel, a key ingredient in steel manufacturing, shot up 55.8 per cent for the quarter and more than doubled in price during the past year.

The price of natural rubber climbed 32.8 per cent for the quarter and was up 60 per cent from a year ago. Bill Alterman, a Labour Department analyst, said the worldwide acquired immune deficiency syndrome epidemic is driving up natural rubber prices by increasing the demand for condoms and rubber gloves. For the past year, import prices were up 6.3 per cent. That compares with a 4.4 per cent annual rate of inflation in overall consumer prices since the beginning of 1987. The fall of the dollar from highs in early 1985, while improving the price competitiveness of US goods overseas and helping to lower the US trade deficit, also has the effect of boosting the price of foreign goods in American markets. However, according to the report, the dollar played a substantially smaller role in driving up import prices than in previous quarters.

Takeshita appeals to parliament for quick action on tax reform

Japan's jobless rate reaches 67-month low

TOKYO, July 29, (AP): Busting economic growth fuelling demand for labour pushed Japan's unemployment rate down to 2.4 per cent in June, its lowest level in 67 months, the government announced today.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 0.1 percentage point lower than in May, and 0.6 percentage points below the previous year's level, the Management and Coordination Agency said.

Many companies were eager to hire new workers because of the economy's continuing expansion, an agency official said. The number of job holders during the month totalled 61.06 million, equalling the record set in May, the agency said. The number represented an increase of 1.10 million jobs from June 1987.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a sizeable number of workers had left their jobs voluntarily during the month.

Competition Competition among employers for workers led to a ratio of job offers to job seekers of 1.05 in June, up from 0.99 in May, the agency said. This meant there were 105 job offers for every 100 people looking for work during the month.

Officials said it was the first time since September 1974 that the ratio of job offers to seekers exceeded 1.0. The ratio, which has been rising since February of last year, indicated that Japan's economy is continuing its strong expansion, they said.

The number of jobs increased in virtually all sectors except for

agriculture, which experienced a drop of 1.4 per cent, or 70,000 jobs, from the previous year, the agency said.

Agency officials said the last time an unemployment rate of 2.4 per cent was registered was in November 1982. A record low of 1.0 per cent was set on three occasions — November 1968, November 1969 and March 1971.

Unemployment Japan's unemployment rate would be higher if it were calculated by US and European methods.

In Japan, armed forces personnel and people who work more than one hour in the last week of the month — when statistics are tabulated — are counted as employed. In the United

States, military personnel are not considered part of the labour force, and those who work less than 15 hours a week are considered unemployed.

Japan began compiling unemployment statistics using its current method in 1953.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita told Japan's legislators today that tax reform is the most important domestic issue facing the nation, and urged them to approve the first major overhaul of a system set up by US occupation forces in 1950.

In a policy speech before the diet or parliament, Takeshita delivered a strong appeal for passage of a tax reform package he has pinpointed as a top item on his political agenda.

There is an urgent need to rectify (distortions), to institute a new tax system that is fair, simple and acceptable to the people," he said.

Turkey raises some consumer import prices

ISTANBUL, July 29, (Reuters): Turkey is raising the price of imported tobacco, alcohol and coffee by at least 18.75 per cent from tomorrow, Anatolian news agency reported.

The latest increase in state monopoly import prices was due to the weak Turkish lira and rising transportation costs, Anatolian quoted officials as saying today.

Regular government price hikes are part of an effort to stabilise the economy following the lira's 36-per-cent fall against the dollar in the first half of 1988 and annual inflation that hit 74 per cent in June, bankers say.

Luxury cigarettes rose 18.75 per cent to 1,900 lira (\$1.33) from 1,600 lira (\$1.12) per pack, whisky rose 20 per cent to 1800 lira (\$12.59) from 1,500 lira (\$10.48) per 75 cl bottle, and 200 grams of instant coffee rose 25 per cent to 20,000 lira (\$13.99) from 16,000 lira (\$11.19).

Bundesbank raises key lending rate

FRANKFURT, West Germany, July 29, (AP): West Germany's central bank yesterday raised its Lombard lending rate to 5 per cent effective today in a bid to bolster the mark which has lost ground to other major currencies in recent weeks.

The Lombard rate had been steady at 4.5 per cent since November 6, 1987.

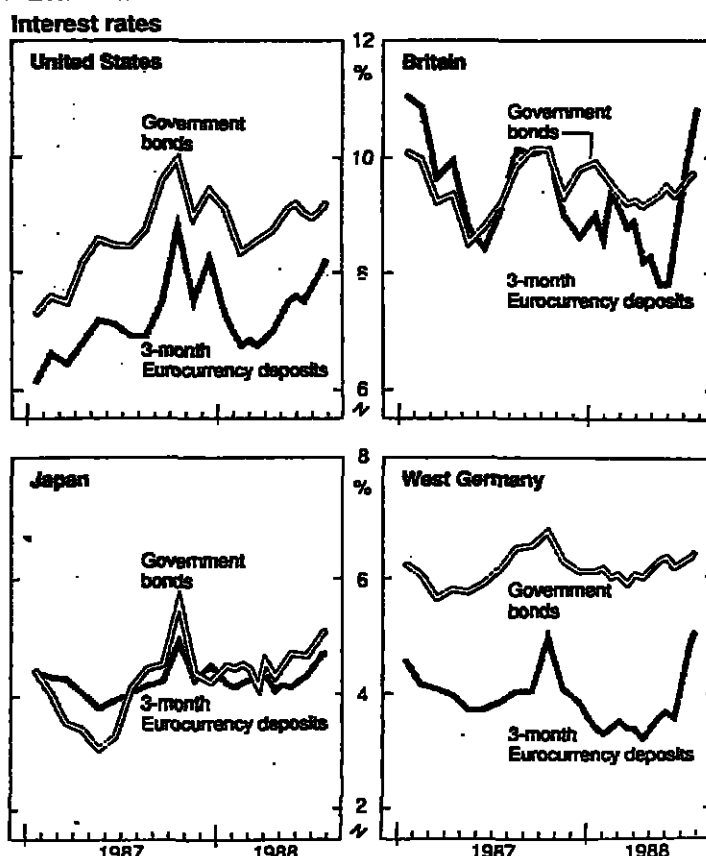
The West German mark has been falling against the US dollar and the British pound on foreign exchange markets in recent weeks. Analysts said the Bundesbank's decision is aimed at supporting the mark and slowing the flow of capital out of West Germany.

With this measure, the Bundesbank is taking account of the development of market interest rates and tensions in the currency market," a Bundesbank spokesman said.

Unchanged The Bundesbank left its discount rate unchanged at 3 per cent, which was set on June 30 after a hike of 0.5 percentage points.

Bundesbank president Karl Otto Poehl has said the dollar's advance against the mark endangers international efforts to adjust trade imbalances in the United States, Japan and West Germany.

The higher Lombard rate effectively lifts the ceiling on money market rates, giving the



Bundesbank room to directly tighten money market rates further if the mark shows major signs of weakening, analysts said.

The Lombard rate is the interest rate charged on bank's short-term borrowings from the central bank against securities as collateral.



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1988

LONDON (Main Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	209/0
ABBEY LFE	328/0	JAGUAR	286/0
ADT LTD	141/0	LADBROKE	433/0
ALD LYONS	425/0	LAND SEC	570/0
ARMSTRAD	230/0	LAPORTE	420/0
ARGYLL GP	188/0	LASMO	467/0
ASDA GP	158/0	LEGAL-GEN	328/0
ASA	274/0	LONRHO	240/0
STR	284/0	LUCAS IND	538/0
BAT INDS	431/0	MAGNET	242/0
BARCLAYS	406/0	MARKS+SP	171/0
BASS	792/0	MAXWELL C	220/0
BEAZER	181/5	METAL BOX	238/0
BEECHAM	483/0	MPC	545/0
BERFORD	370/0	MIDLAND BK	430/0
BIDC PLC	59/0	NEXT	229/0
BLUE ARB	101/0	NTH FOODS	01/69
BLUE CIRC	44/0	P & O DFD	564/0
BODC GP	410/0	PEARL	485/0
BOOTS CO	217/0	PEARSON	770/0
BPR INDS	277/0	PILKINGTON	215/0
BR CORP	242/0	PLESSEY	171/0
BR AIRWAY	152/0	PRUDENTIAL	168/0
BR AEROSP	467/0	RACAL	332/0
BR GAS R6	187/0	RANK HVS	484/0
BR GAS RT	179/0	RANK ORG	712/0
B.P. NEW	60/5	RECKIT-ND	915/0
B.P. RVT	244/0	REED	420/0
BURMAN OL	547/0	RHL BK SC	368/0
BURTON	221/0	RMC GRP	480/0
CABLESWIR	375/0	REUTERS	435/0
CADBURYS	373/0	RTZ CORP	330/0
COMS VLY	238/0	ROLLS ROY	39/00
COMINT	382/5	ROTHMAN B	419/0
COMS GOLD	010/0	ROYAL INS	400/0
COOKSON	262/0	SAATCHI	345/0
COURTAULD	331/0	SAINSBURY	214/0
DALGETY	343/0	SCOT-NEW	322/0
DEE CP	183/0	SEARS	344/0
DIXONS	178/0	SEEDWICK	230/0
ENG CHINA	451/0	SMITH IND	254/0
ENTER OIL	500/0	SMITH-NEPH	127/0
FTI BABCK	124/0	STC	274/0
FERRANTI	96/0	STOREHSE	240/0
GEN ACCID	915/0	SUN ALLIA	925/0
GEN ELEC	160/0	TARVA	225/0
GLADA	305/0	TATE-YLE	877/0
GLORAB	142/0	TESCO	142/0
GLYNED	310/0	THORN EM	650/0
GRAND NET	493/0	TRAF HSE	300/0
JUARD RYL	196/0	TSE	105/0
GN	328/0	T + N	176/4
GUINNESS	326/0	TRUTHSEE	249/0
HARRISON A	630/0	ULTRANAR	292/0
HAWKERS	527/0	UNILEVER	475/0
HILLSDOWN	271/0	UNIGATE	313/0
ICI	030/0	UTO BISC	312/0
INI	205/0	UTMSPR	433/0

LONDON (Bair Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	12/4	12/4
2ND ALLCE	756/0	757/0
A B PORTS	528/0	528/0
A.B. ELECT	443/0	446/0
AAR KEAT	91/0	91/0
AAR HLD	280/0	281/0
AARONSON	116/0	116/0
ACRE OIL	220/0	220/0
ADDISON	39/0	40/0
ADVEST	363/0	363/0
ALEX WRK	172/0	173/0
ALEXON	386/0	
ALLD COLL	130/0	130/0
ALLD IR B	258/0	260/0
ALLD LON	125/0	125/0
ALLD PLNT	60/0	61/0
ALLIANCE	829/0	832/0
AMARI	272/0	273/0
AMEC	375/0	375/0
AMER TRST	129/0	129/0
AMERIAN	585/0	585/0
AM HLTIC	252/0	251/0
AMRILA TR	180/0	177/0
ANGLO O'S	211/0	211/0
ANSACHER	84/0	86/0
APPLEYARD	484/0	483/0
APRICOT	123/0	124/0
AQUA P.C.	116/0	117/0
AQUA P.C.	79/0	80/0
ARAB ENGY	77/0	77/0
ARCHER AJ	136/0	136/0
ARLINGTON	190/0	191/0
ARMSTRONG	140/0	141/0
ASS NEWS	513/0	513/0
ASTRA HLD	33/4	33/4
AT ASST	51/0	51/0
ATLANTIC CN	490/0	490/0
ATTWOODS	290/0	290/0
AUS REE A	277/0	277/0
AUST REED	378/0	380/0
AUTO SECS	260/0	261/0
AVON RUS	728/0	727/0
B. HUBBLL	179/0	178/0
BAILL SWI	82/0	83/0
BAIRD (V)	264/0	264/0
BANK IRE	249/0	250/0
BANKER IT	71/4	73/0
BARKER OD	132/0	131/0
BARRY DEV	175/0	175/0
BAYNES C	29/0	30/0
BBA GROUP	179/0	180/0
BEAR B-WT	5/0	5/0
BEAR BRAND	10/0	10/0
BELVAVER	57/0	57/0
BELLWAY	245/0	245/0
BENROSE	220/0	221/0
BEHLOK ND	52/0	52/0
BEHLOK ND	182/0	185/0
BHAIN HMT	172/0	172/0
BIRNID OL	390/0	400/0
BK OF SCO	390/0	392/0

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH CON	29/5	29/5
ATLANTIC R	81/7	81/5
BAR CORP	25/3	25/3
ABBOTT LAB	44/4	44/2
ACME CLVD	10/5	10/5
ADV MICRO	13/1	12/7
AEROF LAB	8/2	8/2
AETRA LIFE	44/6	44/6
ARMANSON	15/6	15/5
AIR PR-CHK	46/0	45/2
ALASKA AIR	17/7	17/7
ALBERTSONS	31/2	30/6
ALMA 8-16	0	82/0
ALCAN ALUM	30/3	30/2
ALCO STAND	24/6	24/6
AM CYMARD	50/2	50/1
AM ELET PM	28/0	28/0
AM HON PRO	73/4	73/3
AM HON PRO	79/5	79/7
AM STRODAR	0	77/7
AM STORES	48/7	48/6
AM TEL-YEL	26/2	26/2
ANOC CORP	77/2	76/4
AMP INC	45/1	45/0
ANPCO PITT	13/0	13/1
ANR CORP	43/0	44/4
ANR GEN CO	29/6	29/5
ANERADA RE	28/1	28/1
ANTHONY ELE	12/2	12/1
APACHE CP	7/7	7/7
APACHE PET	2/6	2/6
ARMSTRONG	36/5	36/5
ASLMO OIL	73/3	73/3
ASIA PACIF	7/1	7/0
ATL CORP	36/2	36/2
AVERT INC	24/3	24/1
AVNET INC	23/0	23/0
AVON PRODS	24/4	24/4
BCE INC	30/3	30/3
BELLSOUTH	41/1	41/0
BELO CP A	28/3	28/4
BETH STEEL	24/6	24/6
BEVERLY	6/3	6/3
BK BOSTON	27/3	27/4
BK BOSTN-A	0	47/0
BK N-YORK	34/3	34/1
BK TR-WY	35/7	35/6
BKAMERICA	13/6	13/5
BKAM SPEC	7/0	7/0
BOEING CO	59/5	59/5
BOISE CASC	43/2	43/3
BORDEN	51/4	51/5
BOWATER	30/0	29/7
BR TELECOM	0	42/7
BRIGGS-STYR	32/3	32/3
BRIST-HYR	42/2	42/2
BRUNSWICK	21/3	21/3
BURBY CP	10/7	10/6
C S INC	11/5	11/6
CABOT CORP	36/0	36/0
CASARS MO	27/2	27/1
CAS FREIGHT	20/4	20/5
CAS NAT GS	15/1	15/1
CAT-COORKE	24/1	25/6
CATERPI TR	62/0	61/6
CBI IND	29/6	29/4
CBS	157/5	157/3
CENTEL CP	43/4	43/2
CHAMP INTL	33/5	33/5
CHAMP SPA	11/7	11/6
CHARTER CO	4/0	4/0
CHASE MAN	28/5	28/6
CHENED CP	0	32/7
CHENIC BNC	30/0	29/7
CHRYSLER	46/6	46/4
CHUBB CORP	54/3	54/2
CHUR FR CH	7/0	7/0
CIGNA CORP	45/1	45/2
CIN MILACR	24/2	24/3
CIR CIT ST	34/3	34/3
CIRCLE K	15/3	15/3
CITICORP	24/6	24/6
CLARK EQUI	33/6	33/6
CLOROX	29/0	29/0
COMBIL RES	1/2	1/2
COMBIL SP	25/6	25/6
COM CHEN	18/4	18/3
COMCHEN	11/5	11/6
CONAST	30/5	30/4
COCA-COLA	37/7	37/6
COLECO	1/7	1/7
COLEMAN CO	39/1	39/1
COLE-PALUM	42/2	42/5
COLUM GAS	33/2	32/7
COLUMBUS-C	0	112/0
COM EDISON	29/2	29/2
CONAGRA	30/6	30/6
COM EDISON	43/4	43/4
CONTINENTA	39/0	38/7
CONTEL ILLN	40/3	40/3
CONTEL CP	35/7	35/7
CONTR DATA	22/5	22/4
COOPER T-R	40/2	40/1
CORCOR INC	10/4	10/4
CORNING GL	37/5	37/6
CRANE	30/5	30/5
CRAY RES	81/4	80/2
CULINET	7/0	6/7
DANIEL IND	7/5	7/5
DATA GEN	18/7	18/7
DATAPONT	4/6	4/6
DAYTON HUD	35/0	35/0
DEC	106/3	105/7
DEERE-CO	45/1	44/7
DELTA AIR	50/3	50/3
DIAMOND SH	15/7	15/6
DIEBOLD	36/5	36/6
DISNEY W	62/6	61/6
DOVER CORP	64/4	64/2
DOW CHEM	85/0	84/5
DOW JONES	33/4	33/2
DRESSER IN	30/1	30/1
DREYFUS	26/1	25/7
DUKE POWER	44/5	44/5
DUN BRAD	48/3	48/3
DUPONT	85/4	84/7
DUPONT	15/3	15/3
DYNAMICS	0	23/2
E SYSTEMS	30/1	30/1
EASTERN PCH	30/0	30/0
EASTERN G	24/0	23/7
EMERSON EL	29/6	29/6
EMERSON RA	0	3/6
FELDCREST	23/0	23/1
FIN COR-AN	1/1	1/0
FLEETWOOD	22/5	22/4
FNC CORP	35/3	35/2
FORD MOTOR	52/5	51/7
FORD HONAR	54/5	54/6
FORDCORP	30/4	30/3
FRCHLD IND	10/1	10/3
FST BANK	21/7	21/6
FST BOSTON	41/2	40/6
FST CHICAG	33/1	33/0
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CLOROX	29/0	29/

International Bond Highlights

Zurich — Mitsubishi Bank Ltd is raising 600 million Swiss francs via three 200 million franc convertible issues, lead manager Credit Suisse said. The first issue is a bond, the other two notes. The bond and one of the notes carry indicated 1/2 pct coupons and the other note is a zero coupon issue. All are priced at par and will mature on Sept 30, 1992. (RTTV 1010)

London — Finland's Skopbank is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due Sept 7, 1993, paying 5.7 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct. Lead manager Sanwa International Ltd said. Redemption is linked to the yen/dollar rate at maturity and will be a minimum of par. (RTTV 1010)

Madrid — Banco Santander de Negocios said it has received clearance from the Bank of Spain to launch a 10 billion peseta, 10 year bond issue for European company for the financing of railway stock Eurofima. (RTWJ 1349, RTTV 1012)

London — Cie Bancaire is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due Aug 22, 1992 linked to Tokyo's Nikkei-Dow stock index, paying 6-1/2 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct. Lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (RTVZ 1520)

Lugano — Japan's Yuasa Funashoku Co Ltd is issuing 70 million Swiss francs in five-year notes with equity warrants, lead manager Banca Della Svizzera Italiana said. (RTTH 0807)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 9-7/8 5/8	10-7/16 5/16	10-13/16 11/16
FF 4/50/60	4/90/50	5/15/25
PAR 7-1/4 3/8	7-3/16 5/16	7-7/16 9/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-3/8 3-5/8	3-3/4 4
BRX 3-9/8	6-13/16 7/8	7-1/8 3/16
ROM 10 10-1/2	10-3/4 11-1/4	11 11-1/2
AMS 4-5/8 4-7/8	4-15/16 5-1/16	5-1/8 5-1/4
TOK 3.7500 8125	4.0000 0625	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.62 6/8	6.81 6/35	7.18 7/31

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Offered	Bid
1 month	4-15/16	5-3/8
3 months	5-5/8	6-1/16
6 months	5-15/16	6-5/16
1 year	6-1/16	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	61	61.50	61	NICO	605	600	600
ACC 240.50	248	251.50	GNFC	47.50	47	48	NUKAND	84.50	84	85.50
ASIA PAINT 150	155	157.50	GRASIM	108.25	108	108	MOCIL	470	467.50	477.50
BAJAJ AUTO 242.50	244	250	GSFC	135.50	134	138	ORRAY	28	27.50	28
BAL. RAYON 250	252.50	255	NIND LEVER	68.50	68.50	69.50	PEICO	30	29	30
BOM. DYING 111	112	115	HINDALCO	91	92	92	PFIZER	63	62	63
BR. BOND 87	86	87	HINDCOCCA	81	81.25	82.50	PRE. AUTO	31.50	31.50	33.25
BSE INDEX 604.02	596.97	597.50	HINDMOTOR	26.50	27	27.75	RAYMOND	49	48	49
CENTURYSPG 885	892.50	897.50	IND ORG	25.50	25.50	25.50	RELIANCE	205	206.50	207
COLGATE 220	218.75	223.75	INDRAGON	66.50	66.50	67	SIEMENS	70	69	70
DEEPAKERT 37	37	37	JTC	166.25	167.50	170	SPIC	51	50.50	51.50
ET. HOTEL 49	48	50	JSKYNTH	43	42.50	44.50	STOWILLS	255	250	255
ESKAYEF 120	121.25	122.50	L AND T	102.50	103	104	TATACHEH	73	72.50	74
ESSAR 19	19	19.50	MAHINDRA	59	59.50	58.50	TELCO	657.50	657.50	665
GAR. POLY 79	79.50	80	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.37	TISCO	810	820	826.25
GE. SHIP --	29.75	30	MATHER PL	49	50	51	VOLTA	297.50	295	300

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	202.3	202.2
ALLIANZ VR	1539.0	1507.0
BADEMWERK	181.2	182.3
BASF	259.0	256.6
BAYER	292.0	288.0
BAYER HYP	345.0	342.0
BAYER VER	339.5	339.5
BBC	305.1	305.5
BFI	416.0	412.0
BHW	509.0	501.0
COMMERZBANK	231.5	231.5
CONTI GENH	256.4	255.0
DATHEM BEN	688.0	680.5
DEUTSCHE BAK	476.5	469.0
DLV	363.0	364.0
DRESDNER B	256.5	252.0
DT BADENCO	176.5	174.5
FAZ INDEX	485.98	480.53
FELDMUEHLE	266.0	268.0
GOLDSCHEIDT	283.0	280.0
HARPEIER	422.0	422.0
HOECHST AG	271.5	266.7
HOESCH	143.0	141.5
HORTEN	200.0	200.0
RUSSEL HLD	424.0	417.0
KALI SALZ	161.0	162.0
KARSTADT	428.0	426.8
KAUFHOFF	367.8	358.0
KLOECK H	127.8	126.5
KLOECK W	0	101.00
LINDE	675.0	661.0
LUFTHANSA	146.8	140.0
MAN	195.5	193.5
MANNSMAN	167.5	162.5
MERCEDES	557.0	550.0
METALLGES	306.8	302.0
NITENDORF PF	427.0	420.5
NORSK HYD	60.50	60.00
PHILIP KOM	589.0	590.0
PORSCHE	544.5	526.0
PREUSSAG	178.8	176.0
PIA	213.0	213.0
RHEINMETAL	294.0	290.0
RUE	231.5	230.8
RUE P	216.5	215.8
SALAMANDER	262.0	264.0
SCHERING	515.1	510.0
SEL	295.2	295.5
SIEMENS	422.7	417.5
THYSEN	147.8	145.5
VARTA	281.8	281.5
VERA	256.0	252.3
VEW	159.4	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	249.7	248.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.40	15.70
CHUNG K	7.45	7.55
CHINA GAS	17.00	16.90
CHINA L-P	17.50	17.30
CHINA MOTR	23.20	22.90
COSMO PROP	4.00	4.00
EVERED IND	.52	.52
FAR EAST C	.84	.82
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H S DEVELOP	9.60	9.65
H S INDEX	678.92	663.45
HANG LUNG	5.25	5.20
HANG SENG	30.25	30.00
HAW PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.45	7.45
HK KOLAON	8.30	8.25
HK LAND CO	8.40	8.25
HK SHAN BK	6.20	6.20
HK SHAN HT	4.95	4.85
HK TELE CO	6.70	6.70
HUTCH WHAN	9.30	9.30
IND EQ PAC	12.80	12.80
JARDINE H	13.20	12.90
KOULON M	9.60	9.45
NEW WORLD	11.60	11.50
PAUL Y CON	2.73	2.73
REALTY DEV	7.00	7.00
S H K CO	2.28	2.25
S H K PROP	11.10	11.00
SINE DARY	2.08	2.08
STELUX WFS	2.78	2.78
STELUX PAC	18.70	18.50
T V B CO	13.40	13.20
TAT CHEUNG	3.73	3.70
UNION BANK	1.65	1.64
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.85	3.78

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AIJINOMOTO	2940	2980	NITSUB CP	1130	1150
AKAI ELEC	620	640	NITSUB EL	967	975
AKI	975	981	NITSUB EST	2430	2380
ASAHI GLS	1970	1940	NITSUB HYP	975	934
ASAHI OPT	689	685	NITSUBU CO	871	880
BANK TOKYO	1610	1570	NITSUBU K	1780	1770
BRIDGESTON	1320	1320	NITSUBU L	1170	1160
CANON	1460	1520	NITSUBU M	1370	1400
CASIO COMP	1290	1290	NITSUBU N	818	825
CHUGAI PHM	1620	1640	NITSUBU O	1980	1900
CITIZEN W	850	821	NIP ELEC	2270	2290
D-101 KAN	3100	2990	NIP KKKAN	700	648
DAI NIP IK	807	785	NIP OIL	1060	1050
DAI NIP PT	2520	2500	NIP STEEL	780	744
DAI NIP SC	1150	1170	NIP TUSEN	715	735
DAI NIP TO	605	596	NIS MOTOR	1240	1260
DAI NIP TO	870	875	NOHRA SEC	3880	3740
DAIWA H	4890	4820	OHBA CO	930	940
DAIWA SEC	2550	2420	OLYMPUS	1120	1150
DAIWA SEC	910	900	PENTA OCH	848	850
DAIWA SEC	2050	2090	PIONEER	3790	3900
DAIWA SEC	1780	1800	RENOVA	925	940
DAIWA SEC	3220	3100	RICOH	1360	1380
DAIWA SEC	4000	4090	SANKYO	2080	2060
DAIWA SEC	1840	1830	SANYO ELEC	789	772
DAIWA SEC	730	732	SEIYU ST	2240	2150
DAIWA SEC	1950	1960	SEKISUI PB	1720	1690
DAIWA SEC	2350	2440	SHARP	1240	1270
DAIWA SEC	2100	2040	SHISEIDO	1750	1680
DAIWA SEC	4350	4350	SONY	6950	7090
DAIWA SEC	1050	1050	SUMITOMO	1070	1090
JAPAN AIR	14300	14300	TAISEI	935	925
JAPAN NET	585	582	TAISHO MRN	1140	1080
KAJIMA	1440	1430	TAKEDA CH	2680	2700
KANSAI EL	3230	3200	TEIATE	794	775
KAO SOAP	1860	1850	TKO NEW IX	224.58	195.84
KAWASAKI	705	685	TOKIO HRN	2030	1910
KAWASAKI S	710	674	TOKYO ELEC	1330	1360
KIRIN BREW	2070	2050	TOKYO GAS	1240	1180
KOBAYASHI	770	770	TOKYO PWR	6000	5820
KOBAYASHI	715	702	TORAY IND	885	870
KOBE LTD	6290	6330	TOSHIBA EL	1140	1150
KOBE LTD	1750	1710	TOTO	2030	2050
KOBE LTD	3090	3150	TOYO KOGY	717	718
KOBE LTD	2960	3000	TOYOTA MOT	2950	2970
KOBE LTD	950	921	YAMAHA	1340	1330
KOBE LTD	950	921	YAMATACHI	1980	1900
KOBE LTD	950	921	YANAMUCHI	4000	4100
KOBE LTD	950	921	YAMAZAKI	1460	1410

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE HIGHER IN BROAD-BASED BUYING. TOKYO, JULY 29, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER IN WIDESPREAD BUYING DESPITE AFTERNOON PROFIT-TAKING ON ELECTRICAL, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND AUTO STOCKS, BROKERS SAID. "THE MARKET IS REASONABLY POSITIVE. IT'S BEEN QUITE A BROAD-BASED MOVEMENT, NOT ONLY IN FINANCIALS, BUT ALSO DOMESTIC DEMAND-RELATED (SHARES)," SAID SHON SMITHSON, AN ANALYST AT KLEINWORT BENSON INTERNATIONAL.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 115.54 POINTS, OR 0.42 PCT, TO 27,911.63. IT GAINED 57.32 POINTS ON THURSDAY. TURNOVER WAS ACTIVE AT ONE BILLION SHARES AGAINST 850 MLN.

RISES LED FALLS BY 1.3 TO ONE. SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, RAILWAY/BUS, REAL ESTATE, COMMUNICATIONS, SHIPBUILDING, GAS, FISHERY AND STEEL STOCKS LED THE RISE.

PRECISION INSTRUMENT, PHARMACEUTICAL, OIL, AUTO, ROLLING STOCK, MINING, WAREHOUSE AND ELECTRICAL SHARES LED THE FALL.

THE INDEX HIT A PEAK OF 28,042.4 POINTS IN EARLY AFTERNOON TRADE.

A 29-POINT RISE IN WALL STREET OVERNIGHT BOOSTED SENTIMENT AS DID A DROP IN THE COMMODITY RESEARCH BUREAU INDEX AND LOWER OIL PRICES, WHICH HELPED SOOTHE INFLATION FEARS, BROKERS SAID.

FINANCE MINISTER KIICHI MIYAZAKI'S COMMENTS AT A MORNING PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE DOES NOT CURRENTLY SEE ANY INFLATIONARY THREAT OR AN OVERHEATING ECONOMY IN JAPAN ALSO REASSURED INVESTORS AND PROMPTED SOME AFTERNOON BUYING.

HIGHER INFLATION COULD LEAD TO INTEREST RATE RISES, MAKING FIXED INTEREST DEPOSITS MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN EQUITIES.

"THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING THE OFFICIAL DISCOUNT RATE WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE MARKET OVERALL BUT ESPECIALLY ON BANKS. MIYAZAKI'S REMARKS HELPED REDUCE THIS FEAR," SAID PAUL NIGLIORATO, A BROKER AT JARDINE FLEMING SECURITIES LTD.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 29, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED HIGHER ON IMPROVED SENTIMENT FOLLOWING RISES IN TOKYO AND NEW YORK, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ENDED 15.47 HIGHER AT 2,678.92 WHILE THE BROAD-BASED HONG KONG INDEX ADDED 10.51 TO 1,771.43.

TRADING REMAINED SLOW WITH TURNOVER UP SLIGHTLY TO 748.42 MLN H.K. DLS COMPARED WITH 635.80 MLN ON THURSDAY.

"THE MARKET SHOWED ADEQUATE SUPPORT ABOVE THE 2,650 HANG SENG INDEX MARK," A LOCAL BROKERAGE EXECUTIVE SAID. "THE NEXT RESISTANCE LEVEL SHOULD BE AT 2,720 AND PRICE MOVEMENTS WON'T BE TOO DRAMATIC DURING THE SUMMER," HE ADDED.

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	72.00	73.00
STOCK	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-A	.49	.50
AC-A	2.65	2.70	2.65	LC-B	.53	.54
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.65	PK-A	.36	.37
FER-A	2.65	2.75	2.65	PK-B	.37	.38
GLO	34.00	35.00				
PLDT	225.00	226.00	224.00			
KPSI-A	2.22	2.22		BP-A	.023	.024
SNC-A	142.00	143.00	141.00	LRC-A	.004	.0042
SNC-B	225.00	227.00	225.00	LRC-B	.0042	.0044
MINING SECTOR				OPH-A	.042	.043
APX-A	.042	.043	.041	OPH-B	.042	.043
APX-B	.043	.044	.043	OV-A	.038	.039
AT-A	20.25	20.50	20.50	OV-B	.039	.04

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
COMM. IND.	667,300	21,442,825	910.37	0.46	UP
MINING	52,585,300	8,067,800	4,938.08	26.18	UP
OIL	993,900,000	11,048,680	6.655	0.095	UP
TOTAL	1,047,152,600	40,559,305	860.03	5.50	UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR							
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	73.00	74.00	75.00
SNC-A	142.00	143.00	142.00	BC-B	92.00		
SNC-B	225.00	227.00	225.00	LC-A	.50	.51	.49
SD-TIRE	35.00	35.50		LC-B	.53	.54	.51
PLDT	225.00	226.00	225.00	ZIP	.011	.012	.012
DII SECTOR							
ANSOR-A-2.60	2.65	2.65					
AC-A	9.40	9.50	9.40	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	BP-A	.024	.025	.024
FER-A	2.65	2.70	2.65	BP-B	.024	.025	.025
FER-B	2.65	2.85		LRC-A	.004	.0042	.004
MINING SECTOR							
LRC-B		.0042	.0044	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
APX-A	.042	.043	.042	OPH-A	.042	.043	.042
APX-B	.044	.045	.044	OPH-B	.042	.043	.042
AT-A	20.25	20.25	20.50	OV-A	.038	.039	.039
AT-B	23.00	23.25	23.25	OV-B	.039	.04	.039
				TA	.024	.025	.025

Taiwan's share prices rise to record high

Central banks step in to stop surging dollar

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters): Central bankers in the United States and Europe intervened aggressively in the currency markets today to cut short a surging dollar rally.

The intervention by the US Federal Reserve and the central banks of West Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands sent the US currency tumbling, reversing a flood of investment and speculative money into dollar bank accounts and bonds.

That flood had worried governments. Some officials think it is out of control.

The chief victim was the Deutschmark. West Germany's currency lost against the dollar and also hit a record low of 1.4120 marks per 100 Japanese yen.

Weak

"The mark is basically weak against every other currency... there is nothing the Bundesbank can do to support it at the moment," said Reinhard Pfeiffer, chief dealer at DG Bank.

European governments are worried that a strong dollar will boost import prices and so stoke up inflation. Americans, meanwhile worry that it will price US exports too high and threaten

efforts to correct a huge trade deficit.

These concerns were behind today's central bank selling.

Dealers said the intervention was timed for maximum impact. The dollar had climbed above 1.88 West German marks by midday but shed two pennings when the central banks acted.

The US Federal Reserve, in fact, intervened twice. The dollar later steadied above 1.87 marks and 132.75 yen, and traded at \$1.71 to the British pound sterling.

The dollar and pound had soared this week as investors moved to take advantage of relatively high US and British interest rates. The cost of borrowing has been boosted in both countries to slow consumer spending and cool inflation.

Flow

West Germany tried to slow the flow of money into the dollar and pound — and away from the mark — by raising a key interest rate on Thursday but had little effect in currency markets. It is especially concerned that a weak mark will boost inflation by raising the price of imports.

Gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, slipped and

then bounced higher as bullion was fixed in London at \$436.80 an ounce, up \$4.05 from Thursday afternoon.

Investors in the United States seemed to shrug off the dollar's gyrations. Steady oil and commodity prices have eased inflation fears in the United States and helped boost Wall Street stocks again today.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 12.8 points to a morning high of 2,095.13 after a 29-point gain on Thursday.

London shares were firm while the Tokyo and Frankfurt markets closed higher.

Surge

Stockbrokers set off firecrackers today outside Taiwan's Stock Exchange after the share price index rose above the 6,000-point barrier for the first time in its 26-year history.

The index shot up 141.35 points to close at 6,106.15. Turnover amounted to 24.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$843 million), up from 22.7 billion Taiwan dollars (\$794 million) on Thursday.

The index rose 110.50 points on Thursday. Of the 143 issues listed on the

stock exchange, 64 posted the maximum gain of 3 per cent allowed by the government.

Traders attributed the surge to investor's confidence in the plastics and banking sectors, which continued to lead the market.

They said the market has soared on bullish sentiment in recent weeks and immediate pull-back seemed unlikely.

In London, equity prices were at the day's highs in late trading, assisted by gains on Wall Street and buying for the new account which begins on Monday, dealers said.

At 1513 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 9.9 up at 1,851.2 on a turnover of 428.5 mln shares.

Firm

Interest in speculative stocks continued and dealers said recent investment buying interest from institutions also appeared to have picked up.

But one dealer said, "it's the last day of an account — I wouldn't read too much into today's broader demand for stock."

Share prices showed an early firmer trend on the back of strong gains on Wall Street and remarks by UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on

Britain's increasing balance of payments deficit.

Sentiment was later boosted when a rumoured rights issue from Lloyds Banks failed to materialise, dealers said.

Lloyds' shares were up higher at 304 after the bank reported pre-tax profits of \$452 mln around the mid-point of banking analysts' forecasts. This compared with a loss of 697 mln in 1987 which reflected a write-off of Third World debt in common with the other major British banks.

Market talk yesterday had Lloyds using the proceeds from the rumoured rights issue to fund a bid. Standard Chartered, for which Lloyds made an unsuccessful bid in mid-1986, was rumoured to be the most likely target. Standard posted a 1p gain to 500 after rising 25p yesterday.

Stores Company Sears topped the active list with a turnover of 24.7 mln shares and showed a rise of 9p at 138 on bid speculation. Dealers said rumours centred on the possibility that a 10.01 per stake in the company, held by Egypt's Al Fayed Brothers, had changed hands and that Coles Myer of Australia had been building a stake in the company.

DEUTSCH-KURSE 28 Juli 88	
VAL.	28.7.88
USA	1.838
ENGLAND	3.222
IRLAND	2.695
KANADA	1.5415
NIEDERLANDE	82.745
SCHWEIZ	120.93
BELGIEN	120.7
FRAN.	
DANEN.	
NORWEGEN	
SCHW.	
ITA.	
OS.	

A clerk at the Frankfurt bourse notes the latest rates of currencies on Thursday. Britain's pound sterling rose more than three pennings above 3.22 West German marks despite the Bank of England intervention to slow the rise. The pound has not been that high in two years. (Reuters wirephoto)

Drought shouldn't hurt US role as food exporter, says Lyng

CHICAGO, July 29. (AP): The current drought, one of the biggest disasters ever to strike US farmers, shouldn't threaten the nation's role as an exporter of food, Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng said yesterday.

"This year, even though our crops are way down, combining our crops with our carryover, we'll have an ample supply for both our domestic and our export needs," Lyng said at an Illinois-Japan agricultural trade conference.

He said US suppliers should make reliability their top priority in selling products to countries such as Japan, which he praised as "our best customer."

The Japanese depend on imports for 50 per cent of their food and are the nation's biggest single agricultural buyer. They are expected to purchase \$6.5 billion in US agricultural products this year, according to spokesman Mark Randal of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Lyng commended the Japanese for signing agreements recently that dismantle many of the trade barriers to US products such as beef, citrus fruits, juices, ice cream, processed cheeses and sugar-based products.

"I compliment the Japanese for their effort to modernise and update and improve their access," he said at a news conference after his talk.

"It's not easy for them to do that... and I think we owe them a word of thanks."

Nobuo Matsunaga, Japanese ambassador to the United States, said Americans need to be aggressive in their marketing efforts to his country, because there are many foreign competitors.

He reiterated Lyng's call for reliability, noting that US export restrictions in the past are still recalled as a "bitter experience."

In the early 1970s, a feared shortage of soybeans in the United States prompted an embargo that forced Japan unexpectedly to seek other markets to fulfil its high demand for soybean products, Randal said.

Lyng said US law as well as government policy now supports unrestricted international trade regardless of conditions at home.

On the topic of drought relief for American farmers, Lyng said the \$6 billion measure nearing completion in Congress is "a pretty good bill," despite some provisions the Reagan administration opposes and some efforts by lobbyists to use the legislation for special interests.

Brady likely choice to replace Baker

WASHINGTON, July 29. (Reuters): Nicholas Brady, a Wall Street executive who chaired a presidential panel on last October's stock crash, is the likely choice to replace James Baker as Treasury Secretary after his expected resignation, US officials said today.

Baker's resignation to head Vice-President George Bush's presidential campaign has been expected for weeks. It was not known exactly when Baker planned to quit but published reports have said it will come before the August 15-18 Republican Party national convention in New Orleans.

An administration official, who asked not to be identified, confirmed the basic elements of a New York Times story that Brady was the likely choice.

"He's at the top of the list," the official told Reuters.

But he said there had been no meetings with President Reagan on the subject and he stressed that the President had not made a decision.

The official said Secretary of State George Shultz was promoting his deputy, John Whitehead, for the treasury post but that Brady had the edge.

Brady, the head of Dillon Read and Company, chaired a presidential panel that studied the October 1987 stock crash and issued a report generally credited with calming Wall Street fears.

He had a brief spell in the US Senate in 1982, serving the remainder of a term of a New Jersey member.

Bush and White House spokes-

man Martin Fitzwater refused to comment on either Baker's expected resignation or Brady's appointment.

"I really don't have anything to say about that one," Bush told reporters after posing outside the White House for photographers with visiting West German politician Franz Josef Strauss.

Fitzwater, in his daily briefing, would only say: "Secretary Baker is on the job. We don't talk about a successor while we still have a Treasury Secretary."

The New York Times said the strongest selling point for Brady, a Bush confidant with strong support among many influential White House officials, may be his ties to Wall Street and his cautious nature.

Foreign investment in US on the rise

WASHINGTON, July 29. (AP): Direct holdings in the United States by foreign investors have more than tripled since 1980, with increases likely to continue through the end of the century, according to a private study.

"An unprecedented transfer of American assets to foreign control is under way," said the study by the Congressional Economic Leadership Institute, released on Wednesday.

The study said that since 1980, foreign direct investment in the United States has expanded by more than 215 per cent, while American investment abroad jumped by only one-fifth that rate.

And the pace of foreign investment is expected to accelerate, the study said, with foreign buyouts in 1988 expected to make up as much as 20 per cent of all US acquisitions, up from 5 per cent in 1987.

"We have to be very, very careful about selling off the real wealth of this country in order to

meet short-term cash needs," said Democratic congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who appeared at a news conference to unveil the study.

However, the report said that in absolute terms, foreign investments account for only 3 per cent to 6 per cent of total US assets.

Among the report's other findings:

— Foreign investors now own 10 per cent of the US manufacturing base, with majority interest in the concrete and consumer electronics industries and significant portions of machine tools, chemicals and auto parts.

— More than 25 per cent of all commercial and industrial loans in the United States are owed to foreign banks.

— Nearly 3 million Americans are employed full- or part-time as a result of foreign investment, up from only 1.1 million 10 years ago. Foreign affiliates account for 7 per cent of US manufacturing jobs.

— Most foreign direct outlays in the United States are to acquire existing businesses rather than to establish new ones.

— And more than 12.5 million acres (5 million hectares) of farm land in 49 states are owned by foreigners, about 1 per cent.

The study said seven nations account for nearly 85 per cent of the foreign investment in the United States. They include the United Kingdom, with \$75 billion in cumulative investments by 1987 — the Netherlands, \$47 billion, Japan \$33 billion, Canada \$22 billion, West Germany \$20 billion, Switzerland \$14 billion and France \$10 billion.

The study, called "American Assets," was compiled using the latest available data from the US Commerce Department and other sources.

The institute is a private organisation founded in 1987 and is designed to act as a forum for economic policy for lawmakers and business, labour and educational leaders.

158 proposals approved for information technology projects

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 29. (AP): The European Economic Community today approved 158 proposals for research and development projects in information technology.

"Negotiations are now starting with the companies, research institutes and universities involved and the first contracts should be signed in the autumn," the EEC commission said.

The 158 projects, picked from 650 entries, are part of a five-year, \$3.6-billion programme on a 50-50 basis by the EEC and industry.

The programme, worth 3.2 billion European Currency Units, must allow EEC industry to catch up with US and Japanese competitors who put "increasing resources into research and development" of information technology, the commission said.

Cost

The 158 approved projects cost 1.56 billion ECUs (\$1.7 billion).

The commission initially budgeted 600 million ECUs (\$672 million) for them. But it raised this to 780 million ECUs (\$874 million), due to "the high quality of the proposals, the industrial commitment underlying them and the urgency of the work proposed," the commission said.

Subject to the contract talks, 148 of the 158 projects, will be carried out by small and mid-sized companies.

The projects are collectively known as ESPRIT II, which stands for European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology.

Together with its smaller predecessor, ESPRIT I which was launched in 1984, it represented a cost of 5.8 billion ECUs (\$6.5 billion).

Budget postpones policy decisions

HARARE, July 29. (Reuters): Zimbabwe's Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero has once again promised economic reform but acknowledged the government is not yet ready to bite the bullet.

For the fourth successive year Chidzero announced on Thursday a neutral, standstill budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989 with no fundamental reforms.

It contained little evidence — other than promises of future action — of progress towards eliminating the Southern African country's deep-seated budget deficit.

Although he announced the deficit would hold steady at nine per cent of the country's economic activity as measured by gross domestic product (GDP), he acknowledged the national debt would rise more than a billion dollars (\$530 million) for the fourth year in a row.

Debt

This would boost the national debt to 75 per cent of GDP from less than 50 per cent in 1981/2.

Chidzero said the current year's budget deficit was "unavoidably and unacceptably higher" at 1.15 billion dollars (\$633 million).

But he said he had little room for fiscal manoeuvre after lifting a nine-month wage and price freeze and because of growing subsidy commitments and slow revenue growth.

China border region sees mini-boom from Soviet trade

HARBIN, China, July 29. (Reuters): China's poor inland regions are enjoying a mini-boom in trade with the Soviet Union as the two communist neighbours mend fences after decades of hostility.

Peking has given its border regions the nod to trade with the Soviet Union directly, bypassing central authorities who once monopolised commerce, in the hope this will give lagging inland economies a boost.

Inland areas like this north-eastern province of Heilongjiang, which shares a 3,000-km (1,800-mile) border with the Soviet Union, are looking to reap the profits.

Optimistic

"I am very optimistic about the Soviet border trade," Liang Rong, an official with Heilongjiang's department of economic relations and trade told a Reuters correspondent on a recent visit. "This is what we both need."

Beijing insists that political links with Moscow, strained more than 25 years ago by a rift over ideology and foreign policy, cannot be fully restored until the Soviet Union withdraws troops from its border and Soviet-backed Vietnam ends its occupation of Kampuchea.

But trade, economic and cultural ties have been growing.

Officials in the provincial capital Harbin said the Soviet Union was buying corn, soybeans, beef, industrial machinery and a wide range of badly needed consumer goods from the province. China was importing timber, fertiliser, steel and chemicals.

Like the trade conducted at the central government level, no

cash changes hands.

"We calculate the value of the goods in Swiss francs but the trade is on barter basis," said Liang. "We are both short of foreign currency."

From next to nothing last year, the province's direct trade with the Soviet Union surged to 40 million Swiss francs (\$26 million) during the first five months of this year.

The official New China News Agency said that China's total trade with the Soviet Union rose 32 per cent in the first half of this year to \$1.3 billion.

That is still only a tiny fraction of China's overall trade but it reveals the easing of Sino-Soviet friction.

"This is part of the gradual repairing of ties between China and the Soviet Union," said a Western diplomat. "There is room for further expansion of contacts in this area."

The northern regions of Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia as well as Jilin province, all bordering the Soviet Union, and border-poor Gansu have been given similar authority to trade.

Potential

Harbin city and Heilongjiang provincial officials said they saw potential for sales of consumer goods, in short supply in the Soviet Union.

"We are talking with the Soviets about shipping beer," said a senior official at the Harbin brewery. "The main question now is the price."

Authorities in charge of the new toll bridge across the Songhua river, which flows by Harbin, said they expected rising trade to mean more traffic and higher toll revenue.

Seventy-seven Chinese workers are now growing water melons and tomatoes and other produce on the Soviet side of the border, in the first export of labour in the cross-border trade.

"If this works, we'll do more," said Liang.

So far the province's trade must be conducted through three cities — Suihe, Tongjiang and Heihe — that serve as border crossing points. But six more cities have already been approved for use by the State Council (cabinet) and are expected to speed border traffic in the near future.

"Beijing is trying to remove obstacles to trade," said a Western diplomat. "If the local authorities can manage it, the central government won't interfere."

Investment

Diplomats said that the free hand may also have the added benefit of deflecting criticism of Beijing's policy of speeding development along the weathered coastal regions.

China's leaders have been pushing to develop the coastal areas because these have the best potential for attracting foreign investment and technical expertise.

"This shows the open policy is for everybody, not just the coast," said a Western diplomat. Chinese officials concede there are limits to commercial ties with the Soviet Union.

The New China News Agency quoted officials as complaining about poor quality Soviet goods and the inflexible business practices of their Soviet counterparts.

"Negotiations can last for over a year and then come to nothing," the agency said.

Oil prices hold steady

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters): Crude oil prices held steady on spot markets today ahead of a key OPEC prices panel committee meeting planned for next Wednesday in Lausanne, traders said.

Oil prices recouped virtually all Thursday's late declines in the United States of about 20 cents a barrel after OPEC secretary-general Subroto said today that the price panel would consider calling a full emergency meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

The market was also supported by later comments by Subroto saying the UAE had promised to abide by any OPEC decisions.

Talks

Subroto was speaking to reporters after returning from talks in the UAE about that country's decision to raise production to around 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD) in July. This compares with its OPEC-set quota of 948,000 BPD.

Towards the close of European trade, Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was off just five cents per barrel from the same time on Thursday at \$15.75.

The benchmark US grade, West Texas Intermediate, was off five cents at \$16.35 a barrel while the key Middle East grade, Dubai, was also down five cents at \$13.85.

Latest spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel:

	July 28	July 29
Brent (prompt)	15.75	15.80
WTI (Cushing, September)	16.35	16.40
Dubai (September)	13.85	13.90

IMF chief meets Moroccan premier to review economy

RABAT, July 29. (Reuters): The head of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) met Moroccan Prime Minister Azeddine Laraki today to review an economic reform programme financed by the IMF and World Bank.

Government sources said IMF director-general Michel Camdessus welcomed a number of liberalisation measures which have helped contribute to a sharp turnaround in Morocco's economic fortunes over the last two years.

The IMF-sponsored programme was adopted in 1985 and aims to revitalise the economy through privatisation of monopolistic state-run companies, removal of trade barriers, cuts in state subsidies and tightening spending limits.

Measures

Government sources say the reform measures are working, with economic growth this year forecast at five per cent and the budget deficit reduced from 18 per cent of gross domestic product to eight per cent.

In addition, Central Bank governor Ahmed Bennani, who also met Camdessus, says the country is now meeting all repayments on its \$17 billion of debt and no more rescheduling is needed after a third round was completed in March 1987.

Morocco's financial problems stem from a combination in the early 1980s of poor harvests, low prices for its main export of phosphate and a leap in petrol prices and interest rates.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 29. (Reuters): The market closed higher with quiet trade boosted mainly by New York's improved performance on Thursday. The All Ordinaries index closed 10.9 points higher at 1,611.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher in widespread buying despite afternoon profit-taking. The Nikkei index rose 115.54, or 0.42 per cent, to 27,911.63.

HONG KONG: Share prices closed higher on improved sentiment after rises in Tokyo and New York. The Hang Seng index ended 15.47 points higher at 2,678.92.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed higher across the board but below the highs due to some profit-taking in the afternoon. The Straits Times industrial index rose 6.77 points to 1,143.41.

BOMBAY: Share prices recovered strongly on encouraging corporate news. They said reports the government would approve an expansion programme by Tata Iron Steel Company Ltd boosted market sentiment.

FRANKFURT: Shares prices closed a quiet bourse higher but off the session's best levels, boosted by a rising dollar and Thursday's gains of shares of Wall Street.

ZURICH: The stock market closed higher spurred by the firmer Wall Street close and the good performance of Far Eastern stock exchanges. Towards the close, the All-Share Swiss index was up 5.1 to 884.

PARIS: French shares ended higher after a quiet day as the market wound down for the traditionally low-key August holiday period. The 50-share bourse indicator posted gains of 1.37 per cent.



STRIKING policemen in Gujarat set ablaze a police van to protest against the arrest of their leader Ashok Bhatt, an Inspector. The strike was prompted by a military takeover of security. (Reuter wirephoto)



A MOTHER comforts her child suffering from cholera during a demonstration outside Parliament calling on the Indian government to act more decisively in dealing with the recent cholera epidemic which has already claimed 157 lives in New Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk responds to questions from reporters after Kampuchean faction leaders visited him at the State Guest House in Jakarta. (Reuter wirephoto)



PLAYBOY founder Hugh Hefner has asked his latest live-in girlfriend Kimberly Conrad, 24, to marry him. Hefner is seen with Conrad. (Reuter wirephoto)



STUART LACK (left) and his father Alan (right) have swapped bone marrow to save each other from leukaemia. Although the first part of the transplant took place in 1980, it was only announced yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greets Pir Ahmed Gailani, the Chairman of the seven party Afghan Resistance Alliance, at No. 10 Downing Street. (Reuter wirephoto)



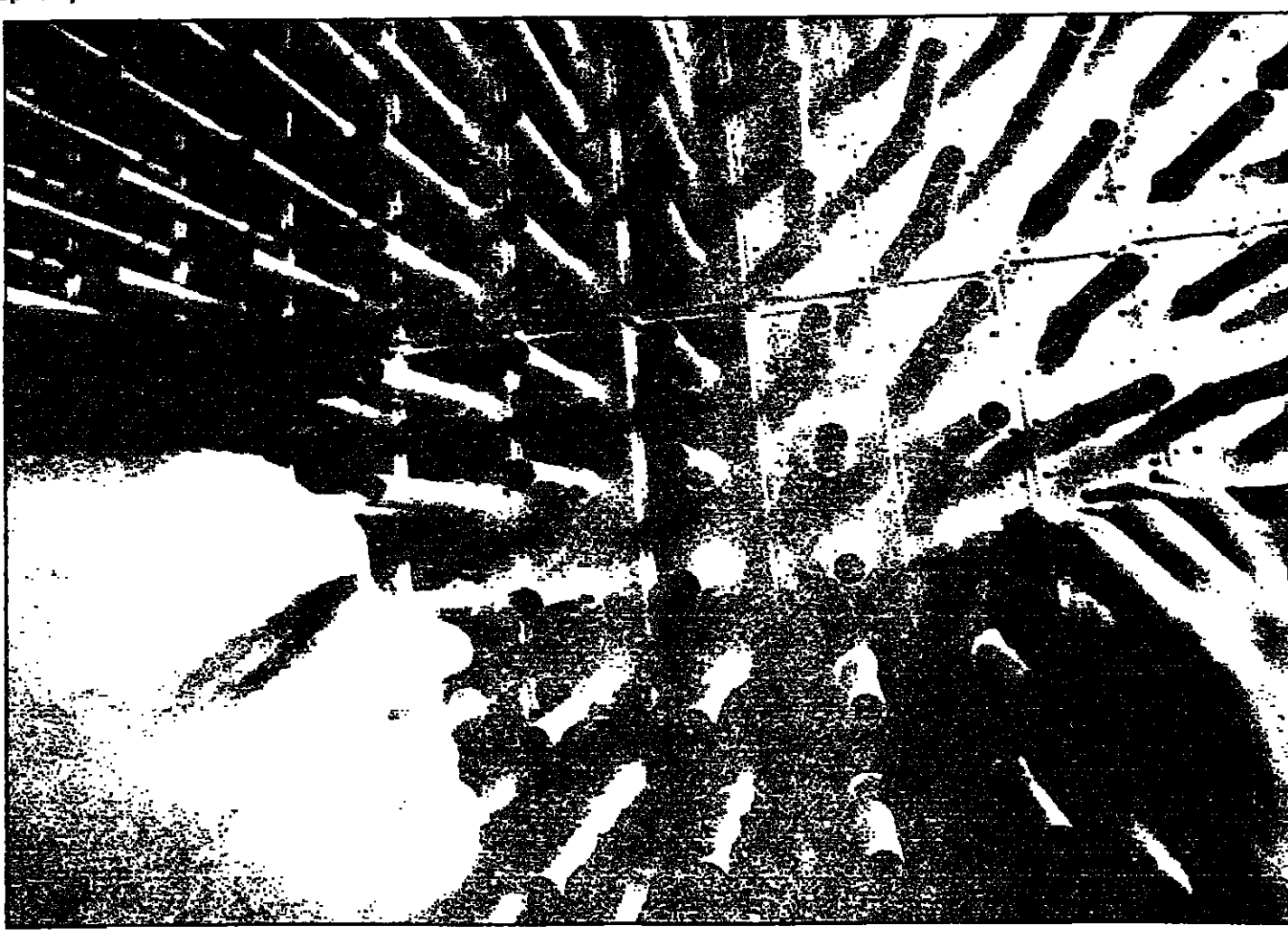
A CROW is about to attack a kite in Khor Fakkan in the Gulf of Oman. The young Arab who was flying the kite managed to save it. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PLAINCLOTHES police officer instructs members of a four-man delegation of French, West German and Portuguese communists to end their sit-in after they tried unsuccessfully to see Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to demand the release of Turkish communist leaders Haydar Kutlu and Nihat Sargin. (Reuter wirephoto)



A LEBANESE man adds his signature to a 100-metre banner bearing the signatures of 70,000 others calling for an end to the civil war. The banner was stretched along the Museum crossing at Beirut's Green Line battlefield where some 120 Lebanese organised an overnight sit-in calling for a new president to end 13 years of civil strife. (Reuter wirephoto)



JEFF ZIMMERMAN, a technician at Motorola Inc., inspects resonator covers (towers) used on Motorola's MDF 500 two-way radio base stations. The precision-cast zinc alloy towers, plated with copper and tin, can vary by 0.05 inches from centre for peak performance over the narrow UHF band. (Reuter wirephoto)

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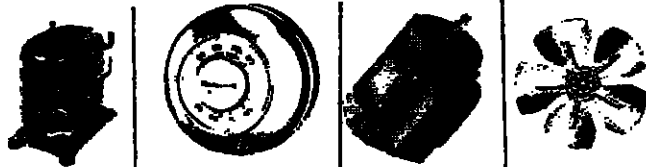
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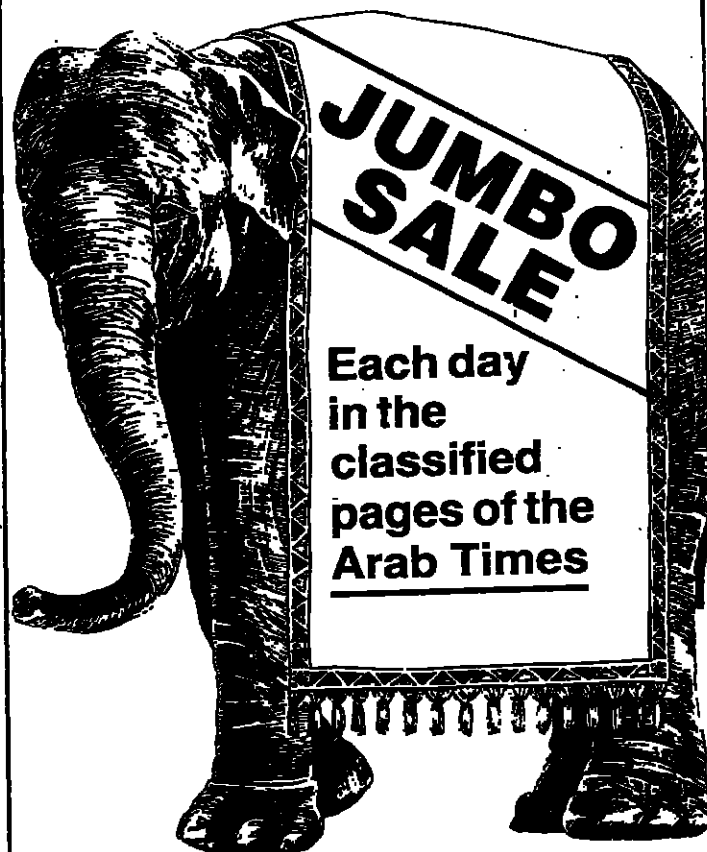
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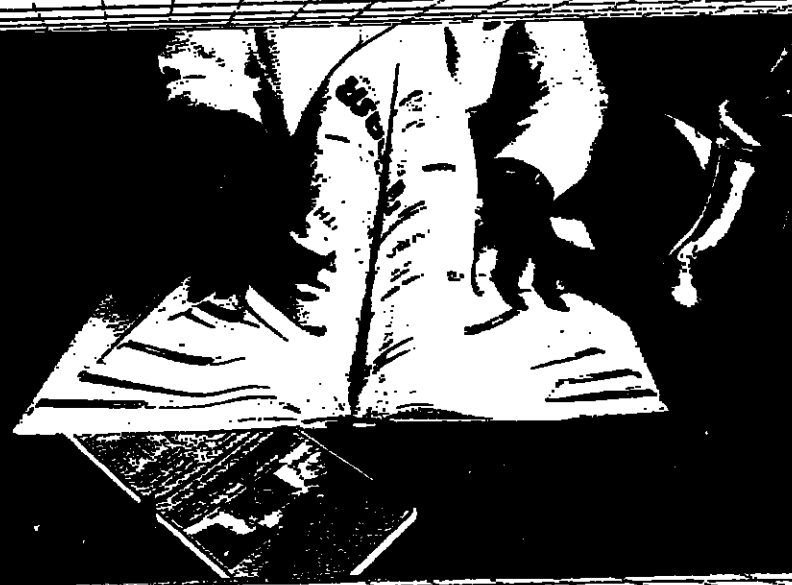
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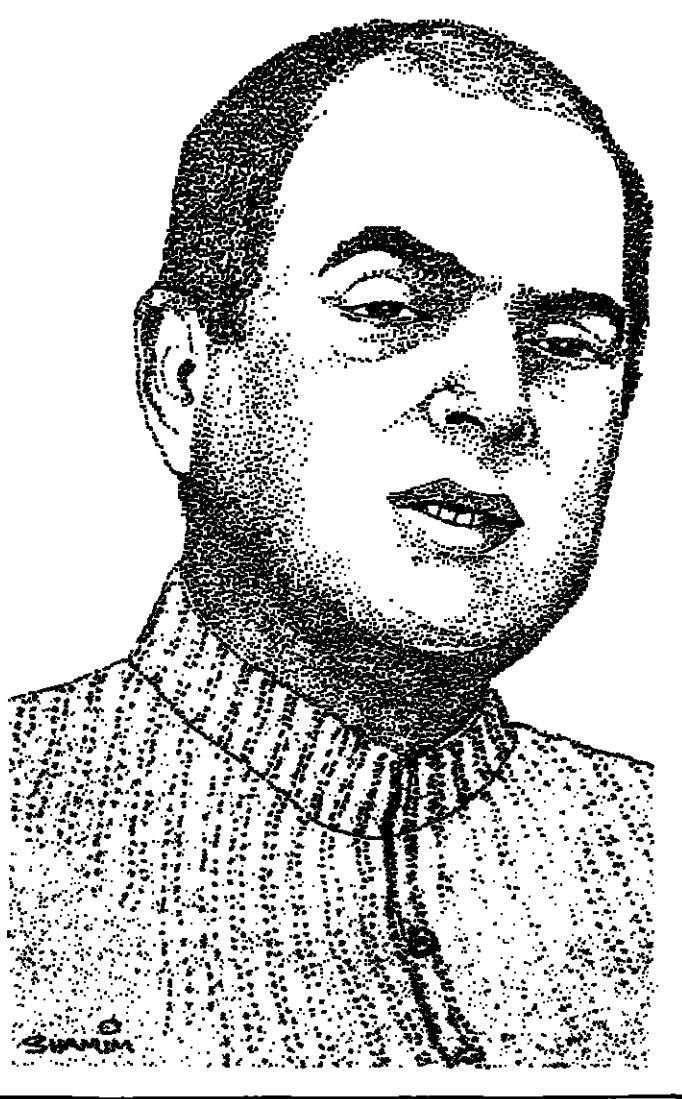
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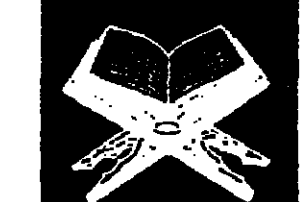
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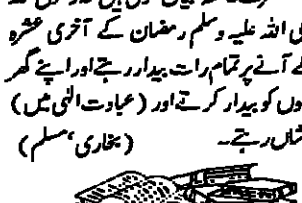


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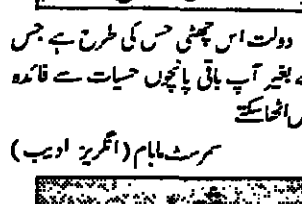
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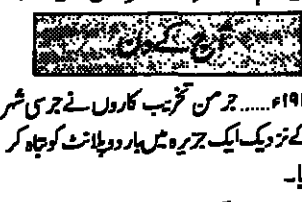
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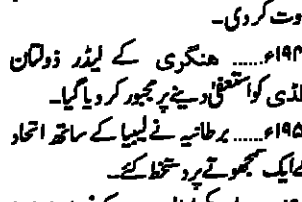
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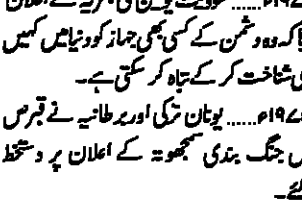
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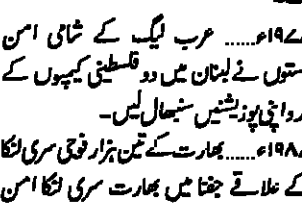
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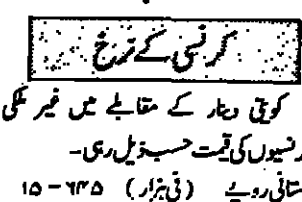
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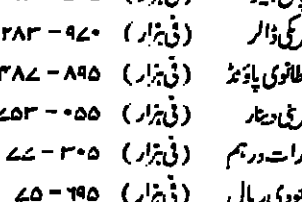
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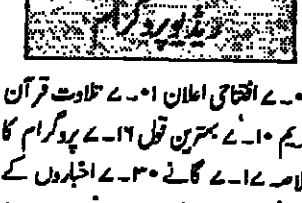
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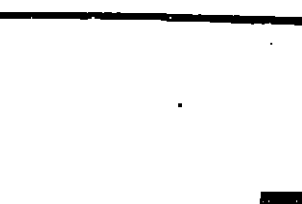
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SPORTS

BASEBALL
ROUNDUP

Montreal overcome St Louis

NEW YORK, July 29. (AP) When the Montreal Expos get into extra innings, no one can be trusted. Not even a .148 hitter.

Graig Nettles, who entered last night's game against the St. Louis Cardinals with just eight hits in 54 at-bats, singled home the winning run in the 10th inning as the Expos won 4-3 and improved their record to 15-4 this season in extra-inning games.

"Even when I was an everyday player, I didn't care about my average. I only cared about what I produced," the 43-year-old Nettles said. "It's more important to me to have eight RBIs as a pinch-hitter than to worry about my average."

Nettles' hit capped a night when the Expos played St. Louis-style baseball, stealing a season-high six bases and using speed to set up the tying and winning runs.

The loss was the Cardinals' third in a row and fifth in six games.

Astros 3, Padres 2
Bill Doran's two-run homer sparked a three-run first inning and Bob Knepper and Larry Andersen combined on a nine-hitter to lead Houston. Knepper, 11-3, pitched six innings, allowing seven hits, walking two and striking out three.

Reds 5, Braves 2
Nick Esasky hit his second game-winning homer in the ninth inning in two days as Cincinnati defeated Atlanta. Frank Williams, 1-1, pitched one inning. John Franco worked the ninth to earn his National League-leading 21st save and 11th in his last 11 appearances.

Cubs 7, Phillies 0
Calvin Schiraldi pitched a three-hitter for his first Major League complete game and Manny Trillo drove in two runs with a homer and single as Chicago snapped a three-game losing streak. Andre Dawson went 4-for-4 to lead a 16-hit attack and has 15 hits in his last 25 at-bats. Mitch Webster and Darrin Jackson had three hits each.

Angels 7, White Sox 6
Devon White giveth and Devon White taketh away. White, the Angels' center fielder, and designated hitter Brian Downing were the heroes last night as California beat the Chicago White Sox 7-6. Downing's second home run of the game, a solo shot in the 11th inning, gave the Angels the lead. In the bottom of the 11th, White preserved the victory with a sensational leaping catch at the fence on a drive by Steve Lyons.

Tigers 7, Royals 1
Jeff Robinson, 12-4 and 9-1 at home, allowed only Frank White's single in the fourth inning. He retired the last 18 batters, struck out three and walked three for his first career one-hitter. Tom Brookins had three hits, knocking in two runs and scoring a pair.

Brewers 6, Yankees 1
Mike Birkbeck, 5-5, allowed one run and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings. He left with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth, but Chuck Crim struck out pinch-hitter Ken Phelps. Crim pitched 31-3 scoreless innings for his sixth save.

Orioles 5, Indians 2
Rookie Oswald Peraza, 3-4, limited Cleveland to seven singles and had a shutout until the ninth. He struck out four and walked two for Baltimore's third victory in the last 12 games and its first against Cleveland after 11 consecutive losses. Baltimore last defeated the Indians on Aug. 11 last year and is 1-9 against Cleveland in 1988.

Standings			
National League			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	60	40	.600
Pittsburgh	58	42	.580
San Francisco	57	43	.569
Los Angeles	55	45	.550
St. Louis	44	57	.436
Philadelphia	43	58	.426
American League			
	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles	59	41	.590
Houston	54	47	.535
San Francisco	52	48	.520
Cincinnati	50	51	.490
San Diego	46	55	.451
Atlanta	35	65	.350

Yesterday's Games			
	W	L	Pct.
Houston	3	San Diego	3
Cincinnati	5	Atlanta	4
Montreal	4	St. Louis	4
Philadelphia	7	Philadelphia	0
American League			
	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	58	40	.592
New York	58	41	.586
Boston	56	43	.566
Milwaukee	51	50	.505
Cleveland	51	51	.500
Toronto	46	56	.448
Baltimore	32	68	.320
West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Oakland	62	40	.608
Minnesota	55	44	.556
California	49	52	.485
Kansas City	45	54	.451
Texas	46	55	.451
Seattle	39	62	.386
Yesterday's Games			
	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	5	New York	1
Baltimore	4	Cleveland	4
Detroit	7	Kansas City	2
California	7	Chicago	6

AGASSI STRUGGLES PAST PUGH

Smith surprises Lendl

STRATTON, Vermont, July 29. (UPI) Unknown Roger Smith of the Bahamas scored an upset 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1, in the second round of the Volvo International tennis tournament.

Lendl could not handle Smith's booming serve and had his own serve broken five times. He fell behind 5-0 in the second set, saved five match points, then netted a service return on the sixth match point.

Smith, 24, struggled with his shots and his emotions when he had the chance to put away the US Open champion.

"I was very, very nervous," admitted Smith, whose match-point mistakes, including netting an easy overhead, "Use any word but 'choke'."

Lendl, 28, was playing in his first tournament since Wimbledon, where he reached the semifinals. In the past year he has had knee surgery and a pulled shoulder muscle which affected his play earlier this summer.

"You just can't play well all the time anymore," he said. "You just have to try to time your form, and peak at the right time."

Following Lendl's loss to Smith, the ATP calculated that he would lose his top ranking to Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg when the new rankings are released next Monday. The information was then released by the Men's Tennis Council.

But after rechecking the figures, the ATP said Lendl would retain his No. 1 ranking for the 151st straight week. ATP spokesman Greg Sharke said Lendl will lead Edberg in the new computer rankings, 149.71 to 140.93.

If Lendl can retain his No. 1 spot until Oct. 3, he will break Jimmy Connors' record of 159 straight weeks at the top of the rankings.

Lendl's streak began Sept. 9, 1985, after he beat John McEnroe in the US Open final.

Since the rankings started in 1973, only six players have been ranked No. 1 — Ilie Nastase, John Newcombe, Connors and Bjorn Borg, McEnroe and Lendl.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Andre Agassi used a change in tactics to salvage a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory yesterday over No. 16 Jim Pugh and advance to the quarterfinals.

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Nunn stops Tate in 9th round

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, July 29. (AP) Michael Nunn gave a convincing answer to the critics who said he couldn't punch.

Nunn dropped International Boxing Federation middleweight champion Frank Tate with a devastating body shot in the eighth round and finished him off with a flurry of head punches in the ninth round to capture the 160-pound title last night.

"You guys remember, I don't hit hard," Nunn said after the convincing victory.

Nunn, who frustrated Tate early in the fight with constant movement, showed his punching power to Tate and a crowd of about 4,000 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"They told me to get mean and I did," Nunn said of the sudden display of power. "I psyched myself out to get mean."

Gomez bids for fourth crown

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., July 29. (Reuters) Saying he is "going to shake the world," three-time world champion boxer Wilfredo Gomez will end his 26-month retirement and begin his comeback bid for a fourth crown on Saturday.

Ignoring pleas to retire from his family, former handlers, friends and fight fans in his native Puerto Rico, the 30-year-old Gomez will meet Mexico's Mario Gonzalez in a 10-round lightweight bout.

"Very few people think I can do this," said Gomez, who had to lose 23 kg to reach the 61-kg lightweight limit.

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Leonard may return to boxing

NEW YORK, July 29. (Reuters) Sugar Ray Leonard will likely come out of retirement for the third time later this year to fight World Boxing Council (WBC) light heavyweight champion Don Lalonde of Canada, the New York Times reported today.

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Badminton champion shot dead



Syed Modi

NEW DELHI, India, July 29. (AP) Syed Modi, eight-time national singles badminton champion in India, was shot to death yesterday as he left a stadium after practice in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust of India reported.

Fire

The news agency said Modi, 28, was leaving the K.D. Singh Babu stadium in the state capital of Lucknow when several men in a passing car opened fire.

He was declared dead on arrival at a local hospital with four bullet wounds, one in the heart, PTI said.

The motive for the slaying was not known.

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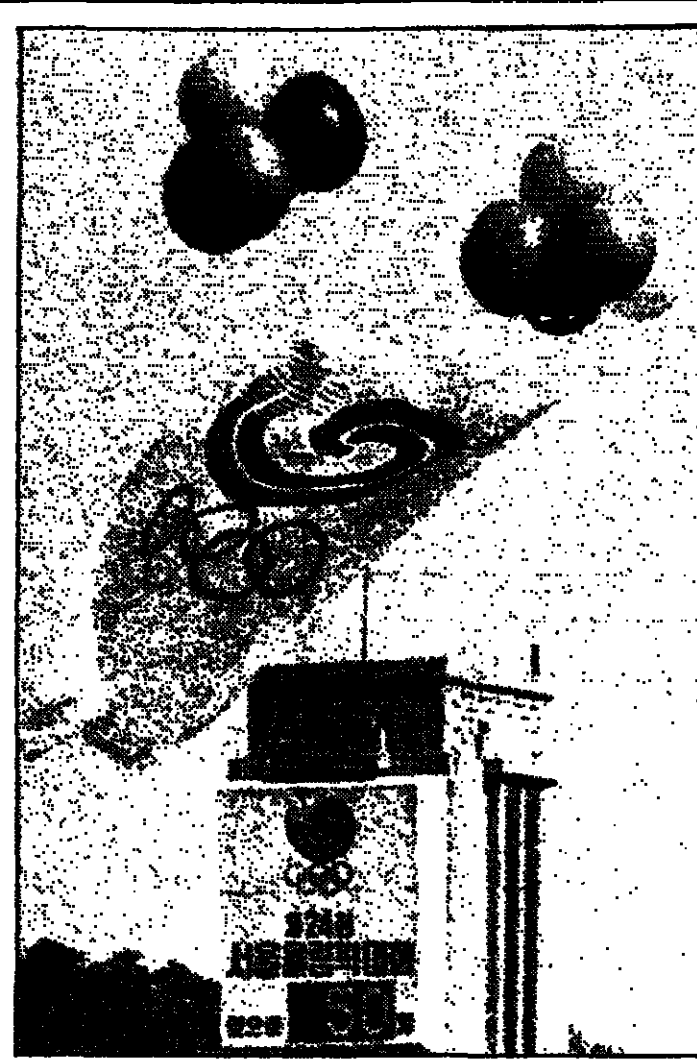
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A celebratory flag and balloons fly above Seoul city hall plaza to commemorate the 50-day countdown to the Games today. (Reuters wirephoto)

49ers and Dolphins clash in bruising practice game

LONDON, July 29. (AP) It was a bruising, rugged battle as the Miami Dolphins and the San Francisco 49ers clashed yesterday on the football field.

There was nothing at stake, no scoring, and the action was simply a training session before an exhibition game.

But Dolphins' fullback Chad Stark wrenched his knee in a crunching tackle by 49ers' linebacker Riki Ellison and there were a couple of flare-ups as the scrimmages became fiercer.

The two teams met at Wembley stadium on Sunday for the benefit of an expanding British football audience. It is also a chance for the two teams to scrape off the pre-season rust in readiness for the NFL campaign, which begins in early September.

"It was very physical today," said 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice.

"When you've got guys this size coming at you full speed, you'd better watch out. You get your bumps and bruises but you've gotta bounce back."

"But I love the competition. When I'm out there on the football field I'm like a machine. If I'm mad at somebody I can take it out on the opposing team," Rice said.

Rice, 25, is one of the stars of the 49ers squad and relishes the prospect of facing the Dolphins in game-action on Sunday.

"It's going to be a very physical game. From our standpoint, we've got something to come out and prove. We've still got a bad taste in our mouths from when we lost to Minnesota Vikings in the play-offs, he said.

"Miami are thinking the same thing after a mediocre season. It's going to be a close match — exciting."

Miami's Dan Marino also sees the value of facing the opposition in practice sessions.

"Having the 49ers here breaks up the monotony of just practicing against yourselves. It makes it a little different and a little more fun," he said.

Sadeem triumphs at Goodwood

GOODWOOD, England, July 29. (Reuters) Sadeem added the Goodwood Gold Cup to his Ascot Gold Cup success on the third day of the 'Glorious Goodwood' horse race meeting yesterday.

Sadeem was awarded the Ascot Gold Cup last month on the controversial disqualification of French rider Royal Galt after another of the runners, El Conquistador, fell.

Colt

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Olympics will be safe, says top US policeman

SEOUL, July 29. (Reuters) The man who successfully policed the Los Angeles Olympics put his seal of approval on security for the Seoul Games today and criticised the American media for distorting South Korea's internal strife.

William Rathburn, deputy chief of the Los Angeles police, told reporters after a three-day inspection tour of Seoul's Olympic facilities that he had been very impressed with security arrangements.

"People can come to Seoul with the recognition that they will be safe and secure," he said. "There is no question that there is a security challenge but the government has responded to that challenge and provided adequate security."

Rathburn, who has been advising South Korean authorities on Olympic security since 1985, said he was disturbed by reports that American spectators would stay away from the Games, which starts on September 17, because they have been alarmed by media accounts of student demonstrations.

Problems

"The press in the United States has given me a distorted view of the problems in Seoul," he said. "It is very sad that some people will not come to the Olympics because of this."

Rathburn

Graf routs Reggi for semifinals

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 29. (Reuters) Steffi Graf bounced back from an uncharacteristically moderate performance in the previous round to trounce Italian Raffaella Reggi 6-0 in the Hamburg women's tennis tournament today.

Graf's quarterfinal victory over the world number 20 took just 45 minutes as she produced the precise forehand and powerful serve that was missing when she beat Yugoslav Sabina Goleš yesterday.

Refund

The champion of Australia, France and Wimbledon made so many unforced errors during that match that some of the spectators started taunting her by shouting for a refund.

After her more authentic display against Reggi, the West German said: "I can be very content. My game was a whole class better even if it can be a bit variable at the moment."

Graf faces Argentine number eight seed Bettina Fulco in the semifinals tomorrow.

The other semifinal match will be between second-seeded Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva and Czechoslovak 14th seed Radka Zrubakova, who eliminated West Germans.

Maleeva defeated Isabel Cueto of West Germany, 6-2, 7-6, 8-6. Zrubakova advanced with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over West German Silke Meier, as did Fulco 7-5, 6-1 over Sandra Cecchini of Italy.

Evert and Mill to wed

BOCA RATON, Florida, July 29. (AP) Andy Mill said he used to enjoy watching Chris Evert's tennis matches on television.

When he first saw her in person on a cold New Year's Eve in Colorado nearly 19 months ago, he said he fell in love.

Tomorrow, he and Evert will exchange wedding vows at the polo club in Boca Raton.

"I was really curious about who this person was because, well, celebrities and athletes are a dime a dozen," said Mill, a 35-year-old former US Olympic skier. "I was real concerned with getting to know this little person here. I didn't want to talk about Martina (Navratilova) or the Grand Slam. ... I wanted to talk about Chrissie."

Attend

About 100 family members and friends, including tennis stars Navratilova and Pam Shriver and actress Lynda Carter, are expected to attend the ceremony.

Both Evert and Mill were ending eight-year marriages when they first met.

Evert, 33, was in Aspen, Colorado, shortly after breaking up with British tennis star John Lloyd. Mill's divorce proceedings became complicated after he began dating Evert when his wife, Robin, began appearing in US and British tabloids claiming Mill was an extravagant playboy.

Nabisco GP

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 29. (AP) Top seeds Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina and Emilio Sanchez of Spain today advanced to the semifinals of the \$150,000 Nabisco Grand Prix tennis tournament.

PALARONG PILIPINO MINI-OLYMPICS COME TO AN END

Pinoy outlast Mabuhay for basketball title

By Jadranka Porter

A ROUSING basketball match, which fired thousands of fans with excitement, provided a fitting finale for the 7th Palarong Pilipino mini-Olympics yesterday at Kuwait's Keifan Gym.

Pinoy Restaurant triumphed over Mabuhay Restaurant by a narrow margin of 98 to 90 to snatch first place in the basketball competition which drew large crowds throughout the games.

Close to 500 Filipino athletes competed in nine sports disciplines as part of the games which began in late May and ended yesterday with a prize-giving ceremony which the fun-loving Filipinos turned into a carnival-like event.

Deservedly

The Pinoy victory was that sweeter as the team's members also won the leading titles for the Most Valuable Player, Best Team Coach and Best Team Manager.

The champions deservedly won the match. They dominated the game with an impressive display of skill, speed and precise shooting. The Mabuhay team was a challenger not to be dismissed but failed to take the advantage of the numerous opportunities it had to improve the score in its favour. Mabuhay also had the leading scorer in Reyes who chalked up 31 points. The second best was Barcelona of Pinoy who scored 29.

Pinoy precluded their opponents from equalising in the first half although Mabuhay were only a few points behind. In a



The new basketball champions with their trophies.

crucial moment, when Mabuhay was only two points short of equalising, Barcelona hit an impressive lay-up shot bringing his team's score to 37.

This was followed by another effective manoeuvre by Garcia and Ragasa of the Pinoy to further consolidate their lead. One minute before the end of the first half Pinoy led by 43 to 34. It took Mabuhay only a minute to score 6 points bringing the half time score to 43-40.

Some credit for narrowing the differences goes to Reyes and Corpuz of the Mabuhay who scored easily due to some precise passing and shooting.

The game gained momentum in the second half when the Mabuhay team put extra pressure on their opponents. Only five minutes into the second half, Mabuhay first equalised, then took a lead by 3 points. Pinoy responded with some excellent dribbling and shooting which put them in the lead again. The Mabuhay players equalised for the second and last time some eight minutes before the end of the match.

For the rest of the game they were unable to sustain the pace and were outplayed by the faster Pinoy team. The last five minutes provided some of the best basketball one could see in the competition with the champions managing to retain an upper hand in the game.

Presented

The first runners-up in the basketball championship are AG&P team followed by Mabuhay and KPBC teams.

The prizes were presented to winners in all disciplines by Philippine Consul-General Fortunato Obiena and president of the Kapliko Gene Balatayo.

The Most Valuable Player of the basketball competition was Vic Lugo, the Best Team Coach was Danny Caoli while the Best Team Manager was Gil de Vera, all of whom are members of the Pinoy Restaurant team.

The Kuwait Regency Palace team was declared the Best Behaved Team while KPBC received an award for the best uniform. The Rookie Player of the Year was Arnold Narvaez of AG&P. The award for the best cheering squad went to Al Adan/Fisher.

Josephine Generoso was declared the Palarong Pilipino muse 1988 and Tim Mallonga the best referee.

Other winners included:

Women's Volleyball: Al Adan Hospital/Fisher — Champion; Al Jahra Hospital/Al Ghanim Freight — 1st Runner-up.

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Dama: Atlanta, Gulf & Pacific Co. (AG&P) — Champion; RIC — 1st Runner-up.

Lawn tennis: A. Men's singles: Gulf Paper Mfg. Co. — Champions; Atlanta, Gulf & Pacific Co. (AG&P) — 1st Runner-up; EEMC — 2nd Runner-up; Shuaiba Area Authority — 3rd Runner-up.

B. Men's doubles: EEMC — Champion; Gulf Paper Mfg. Co. — 1st Runner-up; Shuaiba Port — 2nd Runner-up; KAI &



An action shot of the match.

Associates, Inc. — 3rd Runner-up.

C. Ladies singles: Sally Rioja — Champion; Flor Gamboa — 1st Runner-up; Mariam Amba — 2nd Runner-up; Willa Aloy — 3rd Runner-up.

Dart: Pinoy Restaurant — Champion; Kirby Bldg. System — 1st Runner-up; RIC 2nd Runner-up; Al Faez Est. — 3rd Runner-up.

Women's bowling: Mabuhay Restaurant — Champion; Oriental Trading — 1st Runner-up; Al Ghanim Freight — 2nd Runner-up; Crowns Trading Est. — 3rd Runner-up.

5 km race: G. Barnedo (AG&P) — Champion; F. Cama (AG&P) — 1st Runner-up; B. Arogomes (RIC) — 2nd Runner-up; E. Maglunob (AG&P) — 3rd Runner-up.

10 km race: G. Bona (KPBC) — Champion; A. Factor (AG&P) — 1st Runner-up; G. Canata (AG&P) — 2nd Runner-up.



One of the marathon winners.

Middlesex tame Kent for semifinals

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) Kent's Chris Cowdrey and Middlesex's Mike Gatting, the present and past England cricket captains, clashed in the Natwest Trophy one-day 60 overs quarterfinals on Wednesday with the honours clearly going to Gatting.

Gatting hit 24 as Middlesex coasted into the semifinals by defeating Kent by five wickets with 9.1 overs to spare.

Record

The other quarterfinal victors were Hampshire, Surrey, and Worcestershire who each recorded four wicket victories over Derbyshire, Glamorgan and Gloucestershire respectively.

Gatting, dismissed as England captain this season after he admitted taking a barmaid back to his room during the first Test against the West Indies, was involved in an embarrassing incident after he had scored 24. The Middlesex skipper, who

was threatening to win the match on his own, swished his bat in annoyance after edging a catch behind off South African all-rounder Roy Pienaar.

He looked horrified when the stumps were broken and quickly hammered the leg stump back into the ground with his bat.

"It is ridiculous to suggest that I did it deliberately," Gatting said. "I simply slapped my pad with my bat and in doing so dislodged a bail."

Meagre

Cowdrey, who took over from Gatting's replacement John Emburey as England captain for the fourth Test, could manage only 10 in Kent's meagre total of 195. His predecessor as Kent captain, former England international Chris Tavare, top scored with 49.

Middlesex were never in trouble and after Gatting's dismissal Roland Butcher guided them to victory with an elegant 64.



Shastri: hit an unbeaten 59

Benson and Hedges champions Hampshire remained on course for a unique one-day double with a comfortable win over Derbyshire, their beaten opponents at Lord's three weeks ago.

Derbyshire were always struggling in their 191 all out from 59.5 overs then watched as opener Paul Terry anchored Hampshire's reply of 193 for six in 57.2 overs with an impressive 67.

Paul Atkins marked his one-day debut for Surrey with 82 while Monte Lynch slammed 61 in the match against Glamorgan.

Atkins and Lynch were responsible for Surrey reaching their target of 236 from only 57 overs with four wickets remaining.

Unbeaten

For Glamorgan Test hopeful Matthew Maynard struck 64 and Indian all-rounder Ravi Shastri was unbeaten on 59 in a total of 235 for six off 60 overs.

Worcestershire captain Phil Neale nursed Worcestershire to their total of 189 for six in 57.5 overs with a solid innings of 45 off 90 balls. Gloucestershire were all out for 185 off the final ball of their innings.

Gatting goes into exile

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) Former England captain Mike Gatting has gone into self-imposed Test cricket exile until next year.

Gatting, who by his own choice has made spasmodic Test appearances this season, announced today he was making himself unavailable for international cricket again until the next English season.

Gatting, who captains Middlesex, announced his intentions through his London solicitors, effectively ending any possibility of a return to the England team for the fifth and final Test against West Indies at the Oval, starting next Thursday, and the one Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's at the end of August.

Gatting's statement said: "There has been much speculation concerning my availability for selection for England since the statement issued by the TCCB following the (third) Old

Trafford Test. I have been very proud to represent and captain my country on the cricket field and at all times have enjoyed the full support of the players.

"Over the past 10 years I have played cricket the year round except for one winter at home. My family have supported me throughout this time and I had planned to take a rest from touring either this winter or next for my own sake as well as for theirs."

"I have decided to declare myself unavailable for Test cricket until next season to give me the opportunity to put my family before cricket and to enjoy a restful time with them."

"I shall of course continue to do my best for my country which has supported me wholeheartedly throughout recent troubled times."

"I hope that after this break I will be playing well enough to be considered for selection for my country again."

Aouita cruises to comfortable 800m win

VERONA, Italy, July 29. (Reuters) Multi-talented Said Aouita cruised to a comfortable 800 metres victory in the sticky heat of Verona's Golden Gala athletics meeting on Wednesday and confirmed he would run the distance in Seoul.

The diminutive Moroccan glanced briefly behind him as he crossed the line in one minute 44.64 seconds ahead of Britain's Peter Elliott, second in 1:44.75.

The 1,500 and 5,000 metres world record-holder began in low gear, running the first 200 metres in penultimate position before moving slowly up the field with Elliott on his shoulder.

Match

The two men broke away with 150 metres to go but Elliott could not match the versatile Moroccan's finish.

Senegal's Moussa Fall was third in 1:45.03.

"I could have gone earlier, but I didn't feel like it," a smiling Aouita said after the race.

Asked if he planned to run in both the 1,500 and 800 metres at the Olympic Games, the 27-year-old Moroccan said: "Yes, I choose what I want to run in



Aouita: aims to run in 800m at Olympics

now. No-one tells me what I should do."

He said he no longer wanted to compete at 5,000 metres, the event in which he is the current

world and Olympic champion.

"The 1,500 metres is my preferred distance now," he added.

Aouita, who has won a string

of 1,500-metre races this season and is still unbeaten, showed no sign of a toe injury which disrupted his early-season training.

"It's still a bit sensitive but it doesn't affect my performance," he said, adding that he was not yet in top form.

"Like all the other athletes, I'm preparing for Seoul," he said.

The Soviet Union's Vladimir Graudyn, who has produced some fine performances over the distance this year and leads the Grand Prix standings, managed only sixth place in humid evening temperatures of 33 degrees Centigrade.

In the 400 metres hurdles, two Americans who narrowly missed selection at the US Olympic trials in Indianapolis last week salvaged some pride.

Kevin Henderson won in 50.01 seconds with David Patrick, who missed the trip to Seoul by only 0.03 of a second, second in 50.43.

As the evening cooled, Romania's Paula Ivan showed she will be a force in the Olympics when she ran a season's best time of 3:58.80 in the women's 1,500 metres.

The 25-year-old had run the season's fastest time in Nice on July 10 with 4:00.14, only to have 1983 world champion Mary Slaney better the time in the US trials in Indianapolis with 3:58.92.

Ivan had no serious challenger as she powered down the home straight leaving the field strung out behind her.

Britain's Christine Cahill was second in 4:05.25 followed by American Kim Gallagher in 4:05.41.

Followed

Britain had a double success in the men's 1,500 with Steve Crabb winning in 3:33.95 followed by compatriot Mark Rowland in 3:34.53.

Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford of the US won the women's 100 metres in 11.49 seconds.

Ashford, who saw her world record reduced to 10.49 seconds in Indianapolis by compatriot Florence Griffith-Joyner, had arrived for the race from the US only on Wednesday morning.

But she showed no sign of jet lag as she beat Britain's Beverley Kinch into second place in 11.68 seconds.



Savidis (left), captain of AEK, and Tanju Golak of Galatasaray exchange pennants before the start. (Reuters wirephoto)

AEK and Galatasaray draw

ATHENS, July 29. (Reuters) Greece's AEK drew 2-2 with Turkish First Division champions Galatasaray on Wednesday in the first soccer match between teams from the two countries for 21 years.

A crowd of 35,000 watched the match which was highlighted by

two goals by Galatasaray striker Cevad Prekazi.

Stormy relations between the two NATO allies have improved since the two prime ministers met in the Swiss resort town of Davos last January and agreed to find peaceful solutions to outstanding disputes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

W. Indies draw

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 29. (Reuters) West Indies drew their three-day cricket match with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge today. Scores: West Indies 362 (G. Greenidge 101, V. Richards 75, G. Logie 53, C. Cairns four for 82) and 17 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 247 (C. Scott 63 not out, F. Stephenson 56, P. Patterson three for 45).

England win

JESMOND, England, July 29. (Reuters) An England XI beat a rest of the World XI by two runs in a one-day cricket match restricted to 45 overs a side today. Scores: England XI 233 for eight (N. Fairbrother 81, R. Smith 47, Javed Miandad four for 10). Rest of the World XI 231 for eight (Salim Malik 67, S. Waugh 43, N. Foster three for 30).

Surprise defeat

LEEDS, England, July 29. (Reuters) European record holder Adrian Moorhouse suffered a surprise defeat in the 100 metres breaststroke final at the British National Swimming Championships today. Moorhouse was beaten into second place by Leeds club-mate James Parrack.

Junior athletics

SUDBURY, Ontario, July 29. (Reuters) American Andre Cason, who plans to be better than his hero — quadruple Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis — won the 100 metres in 10.22 seconds at the World Junior Athletics Championships yesterday.

Record holder

NEW YORK, July 29. (Reuters) World 400 metres hurdles record holder Ed Moses will open his European season on August 4 in Coruna, Spain, his business manager Gordon Baskin said on Wednesday night.

Noah advances

BOURDEAUX, France, July 29. (AP) Yannick Noah of France had to go to a third set tiebreaker yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$245,000-dollar Bordeaux Grand Prix Passing Shot tournament.

Brazil held

OSLO, July 29. (Reuters) Striker Bernandes Edmar spared Brazil's blushes with a goal nine minutes from time which earned the South Americans a 1-1 draw with Norway in the first game of their three-match European soccer tour yesterday.

Billy Bonds

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) West Ham United veteran midfielder Billy Bonds, the English Football League's oldest player, has decided to finally retire after 660 League games and become the club's youth coach.

Pay dispute

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, July 29. (Reuters) Brazilian soccer international Tita is leaving UEFA Cup holders Bayer Leverkusen because of a pay dispute, the West German club said yesterday.

Steve Archibald

BARCELONA, Spain, July 29. (Reuters) Scottish striker Steve Archibald ended his contract with Barcelona yesterday after four years with the club, a Barcelona spokesman said.

French soccer

PARIS, July 29. (Reuters) Sochaux, the new stars of French football, held on at the top of the First Division on Wednesday with a goalless draw against a dispirited Marseille.

Excess weight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., July 29. (Reuters) Chung Yung-Kil's welterweight world title hopes were dealt a body blow today when he was forced to work hard to shed excess weight just hours before his showdown with champion Lloyd Honeyghan of Britain.

Formula One

LONDON, July 29. (Reuters) Former Ferrari aerodynamicist Jean-Claude Migeot will join the Tyrrell motor racing team in September, the British Formula One team announced today.

Pension fund

BALTIMORE, July 29. (AP) A judge has ruled that National Football League (NFL) team owners owe the players' pension fund more than \$19 million in overdue payments.

Yachting event

MOSCOW, July 29. (Reuters) French and Italian crews led by helmsmen Jean-Yves le Deroff and Georges Zuccoli won the silver and bronze medals respectively at the tornado class World Yachting Championship off the Baltic city of Tallinn in Estonia.